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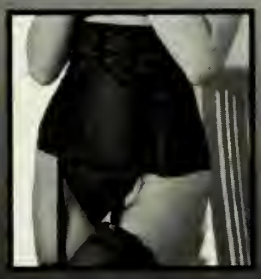

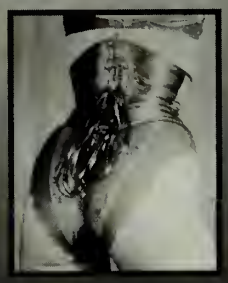

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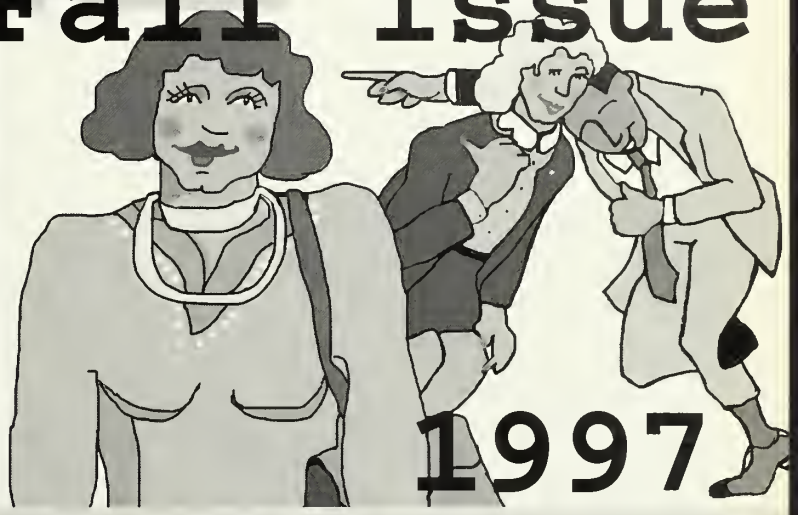

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Dear Gianna:

GIANNA E. ISRAEL

Questions About Crossdressing

During the past several years I have received a variety of letters from crossdressers. I am using this issue's column to highlight their questions. Particularly since recently I have come across a number of closeted individuals who feel lost in the visibly growing transgender community. Many individuals are unable to come out and have concerns which should not be overlooked.

Dear Gianna:

Hello, I am writing because I feel hopelessly trapped in a self-destructive cycle of having intense, obsessive desires to crossdress. After I crossdress I feel relief, followed by deep regret. Sometimes I can go for months without crossdressing and then suddenly the need returns. When this happens I cannot get it out of my mind until I crossdress. Is there any way I can stop these desires completely without destroying myself?

Jonnie L.
Los Angeles CA

Dear Jonnie:

Although crossdressing needs cannot simply disappear or be cured, feelings of guilt and shame can be resolved. Also, it is possible to deal with an individual's fears of being discovered. This can be done by balancing the desire to crossdress and taking responsibility for one's needs or actions. Admittedly this is no easy task, however it is realistically possible for those who wish to stop living with recurring pain and who are brave enough to search for resources which address their needs.

Crossdressers can talk with other crossdressers in support groups, as well as with gender-specializing counselors, about these feelings and locate local resources. It is also helpful to talk about "coming out" experiences that others have had in order to assess your own situation. This is particularly so within relationships where it is not possible to share every aspect about yourself, including both friends and family. And, in preparation, should you get "caught," you can consider saying that you did not know how to discuss the issue, or that you didn't feel disclosure was relevant to the relationship.

Recently I provided consultation to a CD living in the midwest who is about 50 years of age. This individual had no idea CDs today have so many resources. In fact, the individual was unaware that throughout the country CDs meet in support groups, social clubs, even churches. He also thought that Virginia Prince was the only CD who was out of the closet.

Today, although times have changed, there are also many CDs who are unaware that having crossdressing needs is not a psychological disorder. It is part of human diversity, and is becoming more socially acceptable and tolerated. As a result, no time has been better to get out, meet others in a safe location and enjoy your special self. If you cannot come out of the closet, at least do some research and locate others in your area with whom you can meet privately.

Dear *Gianna:*

Six years ago, my wife discovered I crossdress. It came as quite a shock to her after 10 years of marriage. She told me that she would leave me if I ever left the house crossdressed. Since discovering my crossdressing she has stopped treating me like a man. Whenever we argue she always brings the subject up, and refers to me as a sick, disgusting pervert. My question to you is, will crossdressing end my marriage? Even though we have our problems, I love my wife and would hate to lose her.

Tom X.
Baton Rouge LA

Dear Tom:

Crossdressing is rarely the sole factor which ends marriages. Abuse, miscommunication, mistrust and disrespect are the factors which most frequently end marriages or make relationships miserable. Crossdressing is a very personal need which stems from one's gender and self-identification. Unfortunately, this fact is not always appreciated by a partner. Regardless, just because one partner does not have transgender needs or finds crossdressing disagreeable, this should not stop the other partner from fulfilling their needs in a manner which does not directly affect the relationship. Often setting up a situation where one crossdresses, although the other partner doesn't like it, requires mutual limits and communication. Sometimes, asking a counselor or a third-party to negotiate an agreement can be helpful.

Generally speaking, incorporating crossdressing into relationships can be diffi-

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It's Time For Yor Medicine:

TG Research: Unexplored Frontiers

Sheila Kirk, MD

The backbone, the muscles and cardiac function of science is research. Through research all of us live in a world vastly different from that of our parents and on a planet tremendously different from that of our parents' parents. Look at the advances in transportation—the style, the speed of automobiles. Look at air travel. At the turn of the century we could fly only a few feet off the ground in light wood and paper contraptions. Look at home and office building construction—and look at the appliances that go into those buildings. Consider heating and air cooling in those structures. Look at plastics, at metals, look at cleaning materials and the fabrics we wear and decorate with. It's all research. It's all the results of investigative, curious minds searching, theorizing, formulating, inventing and then fashioning the products of imagination and intelligence, into conveniences that benefit all human kind. But not just conveniences, not just goods and services to make our lives more comfortable. What of the research that brings us to a better quality of life because of improvement in health and the elimination of disease. What of the research that comes from the branch of science called broadly medicine.

If it were not for insulin, diabetics would die at early ages and with crippling effects. If not for antibiotics, whole populations would be wiped out by a single bacterium. If not for vaccines in our lives, we may not have lived past childhood. If not for investigative and pioneering advances in the operating rooms of hundreds of hospitals countrywide, cardiac surgery, organ transplantation, orthopedic techniques, nervous system surgery, without those advances we would not salvage and save, countless thousands, to live longer and stronger.

What a gift our curiosity! What a prize our inventiveness. What a glory our minds!

And what questions are there still being asked and that remain unanswered? What areas of research lay before us, what horizons are there for this and future civilizations to cross? My friends, the questions to be posed and answered are countless. We haven't nicked the surface. We've only begun to "roll."

Consider with me a project initiated about ten years ago. It's called the Human Genome Project, an investigative research effort to map all the genes in the human body. Research Institutions and laboratories over the world came together to look at the huge and complex subject dealing with what each and every human being is made of. Back in the fifteenth century it was mind boggling to those dissecting corpses that the human body contained arteries and veins to carry a liquid called blood through the heart to all the organs of the body. When first described, the system of blood vessels within us, was a startling discovery.

In the Human Genome Project, investigators who are experts in an incredibly complicated science called genetics, are looking at the genes that occupy positions on each and every chromosome in the millions upon millions of cells in our bodies. Our tissues, bone, kidneys, lungs, brain, everything is composed of cells—and in the nucleus of each one of them are our chromosomes—and on each one are 50,000 to 100,000 genes. Think of it! Literally billions of genes in each of us, all of them with a function, a task, a job to do, dealing with our personalities, our thinking, our body function and even states of health and disease. There are genes that determine a Mozart, an Einstein, a John Kennedy, a Mahatma Gandi! There are genes that make some of us liable to elevated blood pressure , to cholesterol aberrations, to skeletal deformities, to breast and colon cancers. There are genes in all of us that shape our lives and the levels of comfort or discomfort we live with. The Human Genome Project is mapping the human, to determine what these genes do and where they are positioned on a chromosome. They are searching to find what genes function alone, what genes work in concert, and how they affect our everyday existence.

As you know, it is very strongly

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Legal Briefs: Gender Reassignment and Health Insurance

Dana Priesing, JD

Assume that you submitted a claim to your health insurance company related to gender reassignment therapy, and the insurer has refused to pay it. Legally, what are your options and what are your rights?

Insurance Is a Matter of Private Contract

Typically, the insurance plan or agreement through which your health care costs are paid is a matter of private contract. In exchange for your (and/or your employer's) premium payments, the insurer agrees to pay certain expenses related to the claims described in the contract.

When your insurer denies a claim, you should look first to the insurance agreement, which sets forth the terms of the contract. The insurer should cite a specific contract clause as its reason for denying the claim. If the insurer doesn't do so, you should demand that it provide a citation supporting the denial of benefits.

Not Medically Necessary?

The clause that insurers most often cite when denying medical claims related to gender reassignment therapy is found in a section termed "non medically necessary expenses," or something similar. That section typically states that the insurer won't pay for procedures that are not medically necessary, and provides several specific exclusions, one of which covers expenses related to non-reconstructive surgical procedures that alter unimpaired, undamaged bodily organs or structures (in other words, gender reassignment surgery and cosmetic surgery). Some policies expressly exclude coverage for gender reassignment therapy. Of course, many of us believe that when gender reassignment therapy is involved, expenses related to non-reconstructive surgical procedures that alter unimpaired, undamaged bodily organs or structures *are* medically necessary. Belief alone, however, seldom outweighs the written language of a contract.

Ambiguity

If the applicable clause is sufficiently "ambiguous," you may be able to argue—first to the insurer, then to the court or other adjudicative authority (depending upon the state and how it regulates insurance contracts)— that as a matter of contract interpretation, the pertinent clause was not intended by the parties to exclude coverage of expenses related to gender reassignment therapy. You might try variants of this approach, for example, conceding that although the clause apparently was intended to exclude coverage for surgery, it was not meant to exclude coverage for hormone therapy and psychiatric monitoring. What you can do depends on the scope of the exclusion and the particular language used. Look for a linchpin on which you might hang such an argument.

If the exclusion is "unambiguous," you should expect a court or other adjudicative authority to rule that you were on notice of the exclusion when you chose to enter into the contract and pay the premiums (or accept the job as an incident to which the employer paid the premiums), and consequently you are bound by it. Theoretically, you could have made a better bargain with another insurer (or taken a job that offered better coverage). This may not seem fair in an era of standardized policy language and economically disempowered transpeople, but there it is. The occasional sympathetic judge might read the exclusion out of the contract as unreasonable, but your insurer would be right to appeal such flagrant judicial activism: It is not the court's job to rewrite voluntary contracts.

Non-Enforcement on Public Policy Grounds

Sometimes contract clauses are declared unenforceable on public policy grounds. Depending upon the circumstances and the laws affecting your health insurance policy, it may be possible to argue that public policy dictates that the exclusion not be enforced. In those few states in which transsexualism is considered a disability (it is not considered a disability under "federal" law), if your insurer hasn't removed the exclusion from its policy you might argue that the exclusion is unlawfully discriminatory and therefore should be considered void. The insurer will respond that it is lawful to allocate payment resources among medical conditions depending upon cost and other factors. You

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F2M Column

My Surgery

"Andy"

It occurred to me the other day that, although Transgender *has probably published many personal accounts of M2F surgeries, it has, so far as I know, not been graced by many accounts of F2M surgeries. To that end, I decided to use excerpts from my journal describing my chest reconstruction surgery (or top surgery, as we like to call it) as my column for this issue. I went to Dr. Michael Brownstein in San Francisco, who used the double incision method to create my new chest.*

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Sunday, February 11, 1996, 10:04 AM: Had top surgery on February 6 at 7:30 AM, and I don't know if there are words to describe how happy and relieved I am to be free of those damn tits —it's no longer considered nudity for me to take my shirt off! I already felt like a man, but I definitely feel more male now—I like my upper body so much more that it doesn't seem to matter as much that my plumbing still looks "wrong." What follows is an account of my top surgery:

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Saturday, Feb. 3: The airline put me on an earlier flight to SF to avoid snow delays. The catch was that they only had enough meals for the passengers already scheduled, but the nice Bible-reading gentleman next to me (who probably would have had a heart attack if he'd known I was really a gay tranny and not a nice frat boy) was kind enough to offer me some of his food.

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Monday, Feb. 5: Saw Dr. Brownstein for pre-op appointment. Dad said he seemed really nice. Wandered around the Union Square area trying to enjoy my last day of feeling 100% for a while. Had dinner with Dad at a Mexican restaurant, trying not to think of all my hopes and dreams for the next day.

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Tuesday, Feb. 6: Woke up at 5AM and took the last shower I'd be allowed to take for a while. I wore sweat pants and a loose flannel shirt but left my pants-stuffer at the hotel. At 6AM Dad and I took a cab over to the SurgiCenter, where they checked me in at 6:34AM. I'll say right now that everyone who worked with me was unfailingly respectful and nice. A nurse then took me back into a room (I was so eager to go I nearly forgot to say good-bye to Dad) where he checked my blood pressure and pulse and then left me to change into a cap (which I looked really silly in), hospital gown, and little paper booties for my feet. I got to keep my underwear on.

I got up onto a movable bed, and another nurse came to check on me and insert my IV—she started a preliminary drip of sugar water which she said was my breakfast (it was delicious). Then the anesthesiologist came in to ask questions. "Do you ever have motion sickness?" he asked. "Only when my mom drives," I answered. "Do you know what you're here for?" he then asked. "Bilateral mastectomy with nipple and areolar reconstruction," I replied cheerfully. Then Dr. Brownstein came in to mark my chest up for surgery, which was kind of surreal, and Dad came in to say good-bye again. Then the nurse said that they were putting some preliminary anesthetic in my drip to make me sleepy in preparation for the real stuff. I started to feel tired and closed my eyes.

The next thing I remember was waking up in the same place. The nurse was watching over me, and my chest was dressed and bound, with radish-like pressure bandages over my nipple grafts. There were also drains connected to tubes coming out of my armpits—they looked like clear hand grenades, which I had to empty of fluid every six hours or so. I felt sore, as if someone had kicked me in the chest, but I felt no real pain. I knew my breasts were gone but kept looking down just to make sure. They said that the operation had taken about 2 to 2 1/2 hours (I was a "B" to begin with and had used a sports bra to bind) and that everything had gone smoothly. The nurse gave me some saltines and ginger ale. "We've had about eight of you guys in this SurgiCenter so far," she told me, "and you all seem to do remarkably well."

"That's because we're all so happy," I told her. She asked if I felt well enough to leave and then helped me get dressed. Dad and I then took a cab back to the hotel.

At the hotel I changed into pajamas and sat up in bed but then started to feel kind of queasy. No sooner had I got out the words, "I don't feel so great, Dad," out than I had projectile barfed the ginger ale and saltines across the room—there was no way I could have gotten to the bathroom in time. After that I felt good—embarrassed about barfing, but good,

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Letters And Comments From Our Readers

TRANSCRIPTIONS

TS VERSUS CD?

To *Transgender*:

Re: Linda Phillips Article (issue 78)

If this sounds like a gripe then you are absolutely right. I would like to know what gives any crossdresser the right to say that any M2F transsexual who has had surgery is basically fooling themselves thinking that they are a woman? How dare she or any anyone like her make judgment calls on something of which they have no knowledge.

I have tried to avoid making comments on people who crossdress for whatever reason. But when I read things like this then as far as I'm concerned, I have no sympathy for those who get caught and arrested or ridiculed while dressed up. The term transgender is supposed to be an umbrella term to cover both CD and TS. I DON'T THINK SO.

There is a difference between playing and actually living.

Diana Kris
Via e-mail

LESBIAN TRANSSEXUAL CHECKS IN

Dear Sisters:

To all of your readers I have to say that *Transgender* is a publication that deals with the community as a whole, therefore it is not possible for it to focus on crossdressers or transsexuals exclusively. What these readers probably want is a specialty magazine, and there are several of them around. But the only way to get our freedom is working together and supporting and helping each other. That makes us stronger than dividing ourselves, for that is exactly what our enemies want.

I would like to see an article talking about lesbian TS, because our community and the public in general think that all transsexual women are into men. But a few of us prefer to be with someone like ourselves for many reasons too long to detail here.

Jennifer Theiss

THE CONTROVERSIAL QUEEN ALLYSON

Dear *Transgender:*

In my almost 30-year involvement with the gay and TG communities, I have often been a personal observer, and participant in the history of the times. It was, therefore, with considerable surprise that I read your interview with "queen" Allyson of Imperial Queens and Kings of New York. I was a witness to those times, and I guess the interview reflects what only could be kindly called a "separate reality."

The first formal organization of Drag Queens in New York City was called Queens, later Queens Liberation Front, founded by Lee G. Brewster, within his tenure at the Mattachine Society during the year 1968. It was *this* organization which changed the cabaret laws in New York City that, in turn, legalized drag balls and gay bars. All of these statements are documentable and verifiable.

The first Gay Pride Parade was in 1970, organized by members of the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee. This committee was formed by a combined coalition of the Mattachine Society, Gay Activists Alliance, Gay Liberation Front, (Lee G. Brewster's) Queens, and possibly some lesbians from Daughters of Bilitis, along with other interested individuals.

Imperial Queens was ***not*** a member of this coalition to my knowledge. I later became recording secretary to the CSLDC and was among those responsible for registering groups to march in the '72, '73 and '74 parades. If I'm rusty on the years, it includes the first downtown march, the one at which Bette Midler entertained.

Principal marchers that year of drag-orientation, at least as formal groups, were Lee Brewster, then of Queens Liberation Front, Sylvia Rivera of Star, and myself. In what was the first precursor of the current floats, there was also Ty Bennet in an open car representing the 82 Club. Ty was surrounded by real 82 "stars," such as Gene Chandler, Chrysis San Laurent (the international Chrysis), Michelle Emmanuel and others. Nowhere was there an 'Imperial Queens' banner or organization in the march. Again, I kept the minutes and the records!

In the 1972 compilation, *Out of the Closet, Voices of Gay Liberation*, Karla Jay, noted lesbian activist and author, and Mien Young, verify approximately 40 known 'movement' organizations in NYC alone. Sylvia's STAR is there, and so is Lee's Queens Liberation Front. Again there is no mention of an Imperial Queens. In fact, the first mention of Imperial Queens comes after the split between Allyson and the Imperial Court of New York. Now that might be an interesting story, but it is within the last 10 years, not 30.

I can't say I knew everyone in the movement, but there really were not that many "luminaries" which graced the heavens immediately post-Stonewall. Eventually, we all ran into each other at either the GAA firehouse, a "zap" (a political confrontation), or the parade. I may not have known everyone there, but I know who I never saw, nor heard of, at any function at all.

Transgender has long maintained a considerable reputation. I hope in the future you will safeguard that earned reputation by please verifying carefully all your sources. If not, I personally taught Marilyn Monroe how to walk, The Supremes to sing and dance, and Tallulah Bankhead how to say "Daahhrling."

Bebe J. Scarpi
New York

To the Editor:

Your makeover magic is *very* obvious and more than appealing in the new *Transgender*. The gender community, myself included, is in your debt.

Now a word about Queen Allyson. Because I place so much store in what *Transgender* says, I assume there are many others who feel the same way. Unfortunately, the article in your current issue whitewashes Allyson, making her the Mother Teresa of Genderhood, when there are several discrepancies in her interview that I know of personally or through the N.Y. gender grapevine. Firstly, at least two people I know of in N.Y. swear that Allyson was never even at Stonewall! As an aside, I can also tell you that I ran into (the infamous) Inspector Pine, who directed that raid. Since I met him in Israel when I was in drab with my wife, I tend to believe his account, especially as he is now retired and living far from New York City in Jerusalem. Pine claims that the mob was blackmailing wealthy gays who frequented Stonewall and that Interpol surfaced a number of bearer bonds in Europe which were traced back to N.Y. and to these Victims. That's why they raided Stonewall. Since the event has achieved the legendary status of George Washington and the cherry tree, we *can* scarcely negate its mainly symbolic value. But still, there's no call to exaggerate the facts, particularly by eulogizing a questionable veteran.

Secondly, and this is from direct experience. Allyson is no enlightened leader of the N.Y. gender community. I've been to at least four *meetings* she led, and they boiled down

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to invective she hurled at anyone in her way, the passing around of photo albums with guess-who in every picture, and the reelection of so-called officers, spotlighting guess-who? And, by the way, the two Imperial Queens' meetings I attended included no more than nine people at either one. Little old CDI attracts at least 20 every month!

Nancy LaMarr,
Crossdressers International
New York

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Dear *Transgender*:

We were pleased to see the article on the Cajun Films' documentary, *All Dressed Up But No Place to Go* (#79), but quite disappointed to find our extensive involvement reduced to two sentences, the last of which reads: "Sadly, Dale misguidely (sic) attempts to stop crossdressing, much to the dismay of his wife, who misses Dallie (sic) very much."

Attentive re-viewing of the film might reveal a different situation: What I (Dale) said was that I have found that for me crossdressing to pass is simply another closet. I have to walk a certain way, talk a certain way, and wear uncomfortable clothes. Instead, I have evolved the expression of my feminine side to the point where androgyny is the most comfortable expression of who I am. I wear a mix of men's and women's clothes and jewelry at home, at work, and in public. My wife, Marny, encourages my exploration of androgyny, and surprises me often with beautiful clothes, both masculine and feminine. We think that this gives quite a different message than the author's statement that "I attempt to stop crossdressing."

The article would have been more powerful without the negative judgments, such as "sadly" and "misguidedly." We certainly hope this was simply a misunderstanding, and not a bias towards those of us who have found, or are searching for, a different balance in our lives. The author also ignores positive interviews with our daughter and a former business partner.

Incidentally, while I use my given name, Marny calls my femme self Dalee. Cajun misspelled it as "Dalie" which somehow was transmuted in the article to "Dallie".

Dale and Marny Fischer
Via e-mail

THE HELL OF TG REPRESSION

Dear I.F.G.E.:

I need help! I am a forty-five year old divorced male. I have been crossdressing since age five. All of the stories I have heard about gender identity and the common dilemma are in fact the exact same as mine. I am writing today in hopes that someone will benefit from my input. Yes, I have been the alcohol and drug route. The suicide route, and just about any and all the routes that lead to the hell of it all. I have been over it, around it and through it. I have been taken advantage of, misled by so called professionals, embarrassed and humiliated. Any of this sound familiar to you? During the period of my divorce after all was said and done, my wife emptied out the house of all the furniture. The only thing that mattered to me was that purple balloon print dress I loved so much. I tried to hide it away but she found it and gave me hell for trying to keep it. I loved that dress!

All of my entire existence I have suffered and lost because of my dilemma. Heaven forbid anyone knowing that I am a woman inside, a gentle, loving, caring person who loves all things feminine. I have tried to give it all up, oh let's say, about a million times. The last time, two years ago, was it. At the request of my girlfriend, whom I really loved, I made a gallant effort. It took three days and honestly three pickup truck loads of beautiful, expensive garments to Goodwill. All of it, makeup, perfume, jewelry and a whole bunch of accessories. Believe me, Liz Claiborne couldn't have had much better. I did it. It's all gone, now we can settle down and be together. Sure, uh huh, let's wait for a while to be sure. Enter in now a deep depression, Massachusetts General Hospital, Acute Psychiatric Office, and two whole years comatose, like a vegetable, unable to work, think, speak, or respond to anyone. All of the hell I have lived because of transgender came back in droves to haunt me. I almost lost everything I had ever worked for. I have always had faith in God, that was strong. So I prayed and prayed for help to all of the angels and saints.

I am a recovering alcoholic of fourteen years. A fluke of nature occurred in my development in the womb. I was given a beautiful man's body, powerful, rugged, and tough. Anyone else would love to have what I have. Not me, though. Inside, I had the spirit of a woman. She has to come out or I truly will die. The Velveteen Rabbit only became real because he was loved so dearly by that little person. I am currently taking hormones, I am scared a little, but know that there is no longer a choice. I am weary after a long journey. I once had a male lover. Only one. He was murdered. I never told anyone until now.

My name is David. David has Gender Identity Disorder. His real name is Stephanie Stewart.

Stephanie Stewart

NO PROBLEM COMING OUT

Dear Editor:

I have been a crossdresser since early childhood and, like so many others, have gone through several "purges" in a vain attempt to deny the urge to dress and wear feminine attire. These "purges ended in my case in approximately the same manner, destroying my hard fought efforts to acquire feminine wardrobe, only to begin all over again. We all are aware what this does to our pocketbooks, yet, every time, the urge to dress would arise or be reborn.

There is access to a used clothing room where my residence now is and fortunately many lovely items are available to me. This clothing for the most part is not trash, but mainly of attire that has been donated by the residents throughout the surrounding area. In fact, some of it was rather expensive at the time of its original purchase, so it is quite possible for me to look rather nice when femininely attired!

Like so many others, my early crossdressing was limited to being in the closet, although certain items were worn beneath my now-detested male attire.

Twenty-three months ago short trips were begun dressed in ladies' slacks and a blouse, with a pink windbreaker to conceal my padded figure. The trips were only some 100 yards' distance from my room to purchase the daily paper from the rack, and although this was done at about 5:00 A.M. and few were around that might see me attired in this manner, I remained rather cautious and shy during these early morning ventures. A few days passed and, becoming a little bolder, the paper buying trip was lengthened to perhaps twice the necessary distance.

Some two weeks after my first venture in feminine attire, I decided to wear nail enamel to our community dining room where my residence is. Nothing was said—at least not within my hearing, so I began going

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Nancy R. Nangeroni

NATIONAL GENDER LOBBY DAY BEARS FRUIT

The lobbying effort in Washington, DC, sponsored by GenderPAC in May drew about 60 transfolk. Their efforts succeeded for the first time ever in obtaining written statements of support from elected federal representatives. Said GenderPAC's Riki Anne Wilchins, "Now that we're 'on the map,' all kinds of things become possible. We owe a real debt to the Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force for supporting our efforts to gain this breakthrough." Lobbyists concentrated their efforts on gender-violence, and supported their efforts with data from the first National Study on TransViolence, conducted by GenderPAC. They cited the Cambridge, MA jury verdict acquitting William Palmer of the murder of Chanelle Pickett, to underscore the injustice routinely accorded transgenders. They also quoted the prestigious Leadership Council on Civil Rights (LCCR)'s annual report, which, for the first time, specifically mentioned transviolence: "...Transgendered people have been assaulted, raped, or murdered; these crimes should be included in the Hate Crimes Statistics Act." At press time, eight federal congresspeople had signed a letter to Janet Reno asking for an investigation into violence against transgender people. Said Alex Beckles, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Ed Towns, the first Congressmember to sign a statement on trans-violence, "Ed Towns feels strongly that no American—be they gay or straight, black or white, or transgendered—should be the target of violence or have to live with the fear of violence, and we were glad for the opportunity to sign on to such a letter."

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEET WITH TG ACTIVISTS

Representatives of the US Department of Justice and Attorney General Janet Reno met in May with representatives of the GLBT community to discuss violence and bias-related crimes against differently-gendered people. The meeting was requested by GenderPAC in a letter sent to Janet Reno following the bombing of the Otherside bar in Atlanta, pointing out that the Otherside was well-known by local citizens for its bisexual and transgender clientele. The meeting, in which GenderPAC's Dana Priesing, Tonye Barreto-Neto and Riki Anne Wilchins represented TG concerns, focused on a three-step approach: First, cover transviolence under existing Hate Crimes legislation. Second, develop policies to deal with such violence. Third, push policy and information down to the street level, so that officers on the beat recognize and prosecute transviolence just as they currently do with elder abuse or spousal assault.

64% OF L/G SAY YES TO TG INCLUSION!

On December 10, 1966, *The Advocate* (a leading Gay/Lesbian magazine) ran a poll with the following question: "Should gay and lesbian civil rights groups make an effort to support the cause of transgender rights?" The poll results were published in the February 4, 1997 issue, and were 64% Yes; 23% No, it's not our struggle; and 13% I'm not sure. It seems safe to say, finally, that transgender inclusion has gained the favor of the majority of gays and lesbians.

LAMBDA LITERARY AWARDS INCLUDE TRANSGENDER

The Lambda Literary Awards include a category for transgender books for the first time this year. The list of nominees is: *Body Alchemy*, Loren Cameron, *Gender Shock*, Phyllis Burke, *Honey, Honey, Miss Thang*, Leon E. Pettiway, *Lieutenant Nun*, Catalina de Erauso, and *Transgender Warriors*, Leslie Feinberg. Definitely a must read list for transgender readers!

TG PRIDE PARADES PARTICIPATION GROWS

The San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29, will see for the first time anywhere a motorcycle contingent for Transsexual Men. The Tranz Men's Motorcycle Club will precede the F2M and ETVC groups, in what promises to be a spirited participation in the annual celebration of outness and pride. In the Boston Pride march, a contingent from the Tiffany Club, a TG organization founded in 1978, joined in gay pride for the first time in the club's history. Smiles on the intrepid girls holding the Tiffany banner threatened at times to swallow the group preceding them, and veteran Pride marchers reveled in the reflected glow. Also making its Pride premiere was an F2M group representing the Boston MTF Conference of the Americas, sponsored American Boyz, Enterprise, and the Officer's Club.

48% OF TGs REPORT ASSAULT

Results of the 1st National Survey on TransViolence have been published. GenderPAC—with support from the Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project of NYC—announced that 48% of its 402 respondents reported having been victims of some kind of assault (including assault with weapon, assault without a weapon, sexual assault, and rape). In addition, 60% reported being a victim of harassment or violence, with 95% of the worst incidents involving at least 2-3 perpetrators. The survey presents a sobering picture of the abuse transpeople face. In part, the results show:

Verbal Harassment 78%
Sexual Harassment 23%
Assault (all kinds) 48%
Assault w/o weapon 19%
Sexual Assault/Rape 18%
Assault w/weapon 11%
Attempted Assault 9%

To receive a complete copy of the survey results (55 pg.), enclose $5 for shipping and handling to GenderPAC, Att: Wilchins, 274 West 11th St.#30, NY, NY 10014

RELIGIOUS RADICALS ATTACK AMERICAN AIRLINES

American Airlines, recipient of IFGE's first Partners in Diversity award, and a major supporter of gay and lesbian rights, has been singled out for attack by radical religious hate groups who are anti-gay. The radical religious hate groups sent a manifesto to the airline's president that categorized gay men and lesbians as "immoral, unhealthy and destructive to individuals, families and societies." The anti-gay groups, including American Family Association, Family Research Council, Concerned Women of America and Coral Ridge Ministries, demanded that American Airlines drop its support of lesbian and gay customers and employees. The hate groups have announced they will attempt to flood the airline with letters of protest. In recent years, American Airlines as well as hundreds of other American corporations have recognized the diversity of their consumers and employees. American was the first airline to adopt a written non-discrimination policy which includes gender identity.

MENACE JOINS HWA IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST IGM

The Transsexual Menace have joined with Hermaphrodites With Attitude (HWA) is conducting a series of educational demonstrations at various gatherings of pediatricians and urologists. Gatherings drawing demos included the New York Academy of Medicine, as Psychiatrist Dr. Judith Chused presented a paper on the diagnosis and "treatment" of a 5 year old gender-variant boy diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder (activists distributed leaflets de-

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scribing Psychiatric Abuse of Gender-variant Children and defining "GenderPatho-Philia" as "an unnatural need or desire to pathologize any gender behavior which makes you uncomfortable"); Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, in a demo drawing news media crews from *Newsweek*, ABC's *Prime Time Live*, the Canadian Broadcasting Company, and *Rolling Stone*, among others. Said HWA spokesherm Cheryl Chase, "Africans remove children's genitals for their own cultural reasons, and we accuse them of acting not only irrationally, but barbarically. We remove children's genitals for our own cultural reasons, and because the surgeons are licenssed and use sterile techniques, we call their actions scientific." David Thomas, MD, pediatric urologist at St. James's University Hospital and Infirmary in Leeds, England apparently agrees. Thomas stated recently that, "The people who are picketing the AAP at the moment do have a point. I wonder whether we shouldn't be rethinking the philosophy for early vaginal reconstruction for adrenal hyperplasia."

TS VISIBLE AT WHITE HOUSE

Chalk one up for transsexual visibility at the White House. When Jewelia Margueritta Cameroon learned in March that she was part of a 49-member team at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to receive a Hammer award from Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review Board for improving government efficiency, she composed an unusual "thank you" letter to the Vice President. "Your prestigious award is particularly important to me because it affirms that I, a transgendered (transsexual) woman, am regarded by you as a valuable person," wrote Cameroon, who was known as Richard Green while earning honors at OSHA. Although Cameroon wanted to meet Gore personally, White House staff begged off, reasoning that her gender activism was irrelevant to her job performance. But the OSHA staffer is still thrilled. "It is important," she wrote, "for others to see we are capable persons who can make valuable contributions."

LAST CALL FOR ICTLEP

According to Phyllis Frye, the 6th annual International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) Annual Convention may be its last. Phyllis cites fatigue and lack of support as reasons for her plan to withdraw from the prodigious effort required to pull off a successful major event on an annual basis. At this year's event, held July 11th and 12th, 1997, in Houston, Texas, speakers will include Reginald E. Jones of the EEOC and Kerry Lobel, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

LOCAL CHATTANOOGA TG WINS LAWSUIT AGAINST HARASSING COPS

A federal jury found three officers guilty of arresting Michelle Weaver without probable cause. She had filed suit against six officers and asked for $1 million in damages. Weaver, who takes hormones and dresses as a woman, was awarded $2,261. Weaver has filed another case, and is now suing an officer and the city of Chattanooga. In the lawsuit, Weaver charges discrimination, malicious prosecution, harassment, abuse of process and violation of her constitutional rights. She contends she is being harassed for her alternative lifestyle. She has been arrested six times on 11 misdemeanor charges in the past two years. Eight of the charges were dismissed.

PROTESTERS DEMO AGAINST HRC IN PHILLY

Although HRC is cooperating with, if not actually including, transfolk at a national level, it appears that local HRC representatives are somewhat less accommodating, at least in Philadelphia. TG activists leafleted a black-tie HRC benefit crowd outside the Philadelphia Transit Museum in March. HRC security reacted aggressively, threatening arrest and seizing pamphlets from the hands of attendees before they could read them. After the dinner, transactivists returned to leaflet the Moving Toward Equality Dance Party, sponsored in cooperation with the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered Awareness Days at the University of Pennsylvania. Transfolk in Philly say that inclusion and/or cooperation by HRC at the local level has yet to occur.

CHANELLE PICKETT: JURY ACQUITS, JUDGE CONVICTS

The jury in the trial of William Palmer for the murder of transsexual Chanelle Pickett convicted Palmer of simple assault and battery, acquitting of murder or manslaughter. The judge, however, imposed a sentence in excess of that requested by the prosecution, saying, "the defendant should kiss the ground the defense counsel walks on," sending a clear message to observers about the inadequacy of the verdict. He sentenced Palmer to a two year prison term followed by five years' probation. Palmer admitted to assaulting Pickett. The medical examiner testified to death by strangulation, but the defense employed an "expert witness" (who also testified for the O.J. Simpson defense) who succeeded in undermining the jury's confidence in that testimony. Some observers noted that the prosecution's arguments for first degree murder lacked credibility, and that the talent in the courtroom was grossly stacked on the side of the defense. The local GLBT community erupted in outrage at the verdict, and a demonstration at the sentencing was well attended by activists and extensively covered by media. Two previous demonstrations had been held during the court proceedings, and a vigil shortly after the murder in December 1995 drew 250 people.

OREGON TS RIGHTS THREATENED

In April, members of Oregon's TS community spoke at a State Senate Committee hearing against a proposed bill in the Oregon Legislature that would exclude transsexualism from protection as a medically recognized condition or one perceived to be a disability. Oregon law is presently based on the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which includes transsexualism as a protected disability. Another proposed bill threatens employment protections for transsexuals that were won last year for the first time under the state's disability protection laws. Wording for the proposed legislation lumps transsexualism together with pedophilia, voyeurism, kleptomania, and pyromania as conditions excluded from disabilities that are protected.

MISSOURI TG PARENT UNDER SIEGE BY CHRISTIAN GROUPS

TG parent Sharon Boyd recently suffered a setback in her battle to see her own children when a Missouri Court of Appeals held that Ms. Boyd constituted "an endangerment" to her own children because of her transgender status.

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Ms. Boyd's case takes on added significance because of new bills introduced in the Missouri State Legislature. One of these closely follows the ruling in Ms. Boy's case, and would deny custody or adoption rights to anyone who is gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. Another law targeted directly at TG parents has already passed the Missouri Senate. Ironically, Ms. Boyd, a self-described "squeaky clean" evangelical Christian, is under attack from groups ranging from the Christian Coalition to Focus on the Family. Ms. Boyd is an honors graduate of the US Air Force Academy who has served in the Army, the Air Force, and military intelligence, before emerging as a much-decorated Major following 12 years of military service. Ms. Boyd plans to appeal the case as long as her limited funds hold out. Her ex-wife has denied Ms. Boyd even telephone contact her two sons, aged 7 and 10, since 1992.

JUDGE THROWS OUT CHARGES AGAINST TS OP

A set of 45 departmental charges against transsexual Hoboken police Lieutenant Janet Aiello was thrown out by a Superior Court judge. Aiello had been suspended for six days for ignoring orders from the chief and for neglect of duty in an escalating disagreement over the date and conditions of her return to work in 1995, after she took eight months off and legally changed her gender. But the judge ruled that what the city called orders were more like requests, and that in any case Lieutenant Aiello's failure to answer then was not unreasonable considering the difficult circumstances surrounding her return. Lieutenant Aiello, a 24-year veteran, did come back to work in 1995, but has been on sick leave since October. Her plight received national media coverage.

EGYPTIAN TRANSSEXUAL "SON" INHERITS

In May, an Egyptian court ruled in favor of a transsexual whose brother claimed she should now inherit like a daughter. The Egyptian court in Alexandria ruled on the question of transsexual inheritance in the case of a deceased millionaire with two sons, who would normally split the inheritance in half under Islamic law. But when one son underwent gender reassignment surgery after the father's death, the other went to court claiming that the TG offspring should receive only a daughter's share, or 1/3 of the estate. The court dismissed the case, leaving the TS to inherit as a son, because she was still a male when the father died.

RENAULT AD DISSES TRANSSEXUALS

Renault recently aired a Spanish-language television advertisement in South America in which a young man whose girlfriend is transsexual must renounce her in order to get the keys to his brother's Renault Clio. The script reads "Your woman of the evening is not really a woman..." portraying the relationship with the transsexual as shameful. Kim Perez of La Association de Identitad de Genero, a transsexual political organization, is asking Americans to write the Spanish division of the auto manufacturer.

HUMAN RIGHTS COURT RULES AGAINST TRANS-PARENT

F2M Stephen Whittle and his partner lost their struggle to have Stephen legally recognized in the UK as the father of their donor-inseminated children. The European Court of Human Rights' decision affirms the UK's refusal to register Stephen as the father on official birth certificates, thus denying him any parental rights. Stephen, registered as a female at birth, underwent SRS in the 70s and has lived as a man since 1975. At one point, Whittle's family's right to inhabit their neighborhood was challenged by an anonymous letter, but neighbors rallied in his defensse. Press coverage of the case was largely supportive of the couple. They said in a joint statement, "We may not have won the battle, but we have certainly won the battle for hearts and minds. If our publicity has made life better for one other transsexual, it will have been worth it."

BUENOS ARIES TG PROGRESS

"Transvestite" activists (which includes TS, drag queens, etc.) in Buenos Aires are making progress in the effort to put a stop to police harassment and abuse of TG folk. Activist Lohanna Perkins demanded of a Statutory Convention member to know why transvestites were still being arrested even though the new city's Constitution had repealed the repressive Police Edicts (see last issue) against TGs. The official made a public promise to take their complaints to the city government, which she did. At a resulting meeting in May, Lohanna and others met with the Buenos Aires government undersecretary and presented their case to the authorities and advisors. Meanwhile, a court case against three transvestites in which they were charged with "resistance to authorities, aggravated damage and injuries" was dismissed by a court of three female judges. After hearing testimony that the girls had been beaten and denied their basic rights under the law, and medical statements confirming that the three had been severely beaten, the judges ordered an investigation of the police stations involved.

SRI LANKA LAGS BEHIND

On April 12, a prominent businesswoman in the Siri Lanka capital city of Colombo was arrested because "she's really a he," according to Reuters. Police planned to charge the man with impersonation, receiving 500,000 in loans with false documents, and cohabiting with another man in what appeared to be a marriage.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE SAVAGES TRANSSEXUALS AGAIN

SNL's Norm MacDonald is no friend of the TG community. Just months after his infamous "everyone in this story deserved to die" comment on the Brandon Teena murder trial verdicts, MacDonald commented in his news update segment about transsexual Sharon Boyd's child custody case, saying, "Hmmm...I wonder who's going to win this one, the mother of the two children, or the guy who had his penis twisted into a fake vagina." If you'd like to express your opinion on Mr. MacDonald's politics, call Mr. Andrew Brewer, NBC Standards & Practices, (212) 664-4458, or Mr. Dan Ferguson, SNL Public Relations (212) 664-3733.

BOYS WOULD BE GIRLS

According to a story printed in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, a study taken by Carvel about what people wish for when they blow out the birthday candles found that 61% of all boys younger than age 10 who want to be superheroes want to be Catwoman.

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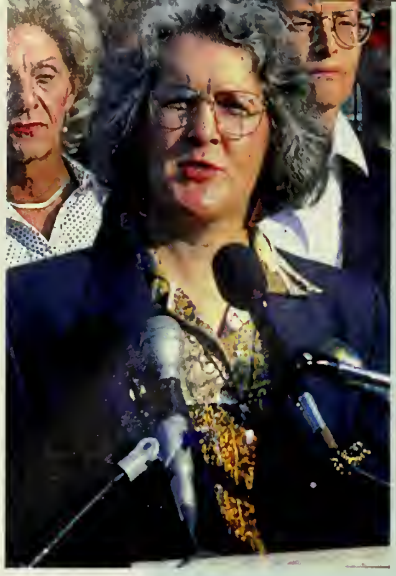
Many transgendered people are out and proud. But the largest number by far live closeted, fearful, often guilt-ridden lives. Many of these closeted transpeople dare not come out—they are fearful of losing jobs, partners, loved ones. Tragically these are valid concerns for TGs—particularly married crossdressers with children, and transsexuals and others living in very conservative communities. Equally tragically, many other TGs could come out safely, but remain convinced that revelation of their transgender nature will spell personal and professional doom.

What few people, within and without the transgender community realize, however, is just how many TGs have already come out, and come out successfully. The figures are in the hundreds. Although there is a general perception that the majority of TGs who have declared themselves publicly are transsexuals, the facts do not bear it out. Our survey revealed these pioneering souls are a mix of crossdressers, transgenderists, androgynes, gender-benders, transsexuals, and others. Their jobs cover the entire employment spectrum, from auto mechanic to the civil service, from attorneys to performers, from therapists to fire fighters, from CPA to peace officer. Beginning in this issue, we feature a year-long tribute to 100 of these transpeople who are out, proud—and successful. Each issue will salute 25 transpersonalities (there were just too many to crowd into one issue). The experiences, and accomplishments, of these individuals serve as an inspiration to everyone who is TG, whether it is practical for them to come out or not. By being out and visible to the public, these TGs are helping to increase tolerance and acceptance of transgender by the world at large.

(Dedicated to Christine Jorgensen)



1. PHYLLIS FRYE

Successful Houston attorney Phyllis Frye isn't hurting for business more than five years into living full-time as a non-operative woman. And she's gained the respect of national legislators for her efforts to further TG interests in the halls of Congress.

5. RU PAUL

Who, as RuPaul says, could have believed a "big old black man like me" could be the 90s' biggest glamour queen. Those cosmetic ads were just the beginning. RuPaul has been showcased in dozens of magazine, and not a few television, ads for major advertisers since. She's done TV and talk radio, turning in excellent turns, both in and out of drag, in comedic and dramatic roles. Seems the further out this girl gets, the bigger she becomes.

Heck Yes!

2.BARRETO-NETO
3.AND AILLEO

The Man & Woman Behind the Badge. Historically cops rousted transsexuals, drag queens, crossdressers and other TG folk. Now the cops are transgendered, and one of their missions is rousting cops into not rousting TGs. Take NYPD officer Janet Ailleo and St. Petersburg, Florida County Deputy Sheriff Tonye Barreto-Neto. Both managed successful, albeit controversial, on-the-job transitions. Now, they're part of Transgender Officers Protect and Serve (TOPS), an advocacy group for TG military, police, paramedics, firefighters and others who put their lives on the line in public service.

6. LAUREN MANZANO

Lauren Manzano, championship woman cyclist, 36, set the world of sports spinning when she courageously announced supportive parents had allowed her to have SRS during her teens. Ms. Manzano showed herself a champ on and off the track when she revealed the reason for her self-outing was to provide positive role models for young people struggling with TG issues.

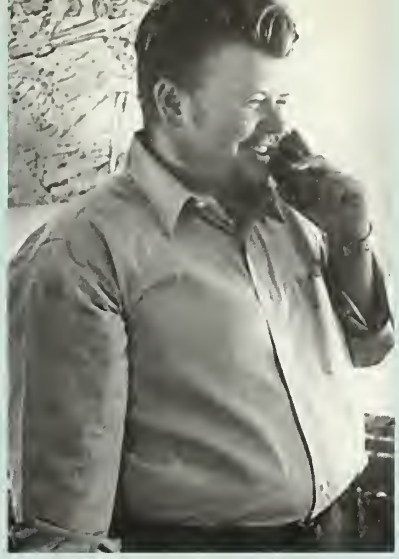
We're Out

4. LESLIE FEINBERG

Few people have capitalized more successfully on being TG than Leslie Feinberg. Rather than treating being TG as a liability, as most TGs once did, Leslie treated it as an asset. Leslie, a mover and shaker in the world of labor activism and the struggle to protect the working person, and a well-regarded figure in the G/L/B community, put it all on the line with the best-selling TG testament, *Stone Butch Blues*. The next book identified Leslie more firmly as TG and a writer about TG issues, and was just as successful. In fact, *Transgender Warriors* may have been the preeminent TG book of 1996.

7. JUDE PATTON

Non-TG people might think most TGs need a therapist. In this case the therapist is a TG. His name is Jude Patton. The very out Mr. Patton works at Psychcare Northwest, a gender-friendly clinic which provides services to a variety of clients. Mr. Patton also has a private counseling practice of his own, specializing in transgender issues. Weekends and holidays he can be found at F2M events, sharing his unique insights and expertise with others.



9. SPENCER BERGSTEDT

Most people would bet being open about being transsexual would cost attorneys a big chunk of their business. Spencer Bergstedt's still smiling, still busy, and still practicing jurisprudence. More amazingly, he still manages to find time for F2M and TG activism.

Heck Yes!

8. TRACIE O'KEEFE

London's staid Fleet Street has long been famed as the home of the U.K.'s newspaper business, and even more staid Harley Street with Britain's medical community. Once the presenceof a TS like Tracie O'Keefe in the latter would have generated daily headlines from the former. While her sex change did initially stir some controversy on Fleet Street, and raise a few eyebrows on Harley, all that's long gone. Today Tracy is employed at the London Medical Center as a Clinical Therapist, and the author of several papers, articles, and the book *Trans-X-U-All* with domestic partner, gossip columnist Kathrina Fox.

11. STEVEN DAIN

Many out TGs are successfully self-employed, often in service industries. Corporate managerial types seem to feel the presence of a TG among their employees will cost customers. However, the experience of TGs like acupuncturist Stephen Dain who have gone into business for themselves suggests just the opposite.

We're Out

10. GARY BOWEN

It's difficult to imagine a more successful literary career than Gary Bowen, founder of the American Boyz, who as an author has sold 200xx published stories to his credit. That's more than many writers produce in a lifetime. And Gary's career is just getting warmed up, with more stories already scheduled for a half-dozen forthcoming anthologies. At this rate, when he finally lays down his pen many years from now, Gary may be batting one thousand. Stories written, that is!

12. RIKI ANNE WILCHINS

Perhaps the country's best known transsexual (she'd spell it with one "s") next to Tula, Riki Anne Wilchins may not be quite a household name. But with exposure on television's *20/20* and other news programs, and magazine appearances in everything from *Out* to *Esquire*, plus newspaper coverage virtually nationwide, the TG community's foremost activist is becoming its most recognizable face. Being TG hasn't kept her out of the job market: Riki's a highly sought after independent computer programmer (and we understand, a tough negotiator of her own contracts with those lucky enough to acquire her professional expertise).

15. YVONNE COOK-RILEY

Speaking of equal opportunity employers: transgenderist Yvonne Cook-Riley isn't the only out trans working for the U.S. Post Office. In fact, the Post Office isn't the only branch of the government to embrace trans employees. We've heard tell of out TGs in other branches of the civil service. Apparently, neither snow, nor sleet, nor dark of night, or being trans stops one from being a courier on appointed rounds.

13LOREN CAMERON

Talk about being out! Talk about being macho. Talk about being a self-made man! Talk about publishing success! Talk about the community's most stunning black and white photography! Talk about transman Loren Cameron. His first book, *Body Alchemy*, is already a multiple award winner and a runaway bestseller for its publisher, Cleis Press. Now he's in a moving new documentary about F2Ms, *You Don't Know Dick!* Stay tuned for further exciting developments.

16. JASON CROMWELL,

In the 1950s the mere rumor that a student or professor was TG would have been sufficient grounds for dismissal. But these days, the halls of academe seem to be swarming with TG people. Case in point, as Rod Serling used to say, Jason Cromwell, Ph.D., anthropologist, who earned his doctorate, as a TG with a study of TGs. Despite the demands of his professional activities, Jason has been deeply involved with the on-going FTM conferences, garnering him one of the first FTM International Service awards.

14. RENEE RICHARDS

Tennis pro Renee Richards was the first major sports figure to come out as transgendered. But it was the headlines that died down, not her career, which continued strong until her retirement. Add a best-selling book, multiple television appearances, and enormous public popularity—all of which left the way clear for Dennis Rodman and other TG sports figures to follow.

17. MICHELLE KAMMERER

They say there are no atheists "in foxholes." There is apparently no one who cares if you're transgendered or non-TG when you're saving their home or company from a fire. Apparently there's just appreciation. The long-time L.A. county firefighter found her supervisor and the public surprisingly supportive when she transitioned on the job.

18. JAYNE COUNTY

Going from country and western male star to female punk rock-and-roller may be the best thing that ever happened to her, according to Jayne County. Now in England working on her sixth album, Ms. County plans to wing back to the U.S.A. for a series of East Coast concerts later this year.

21. GIANNA ISRAEL

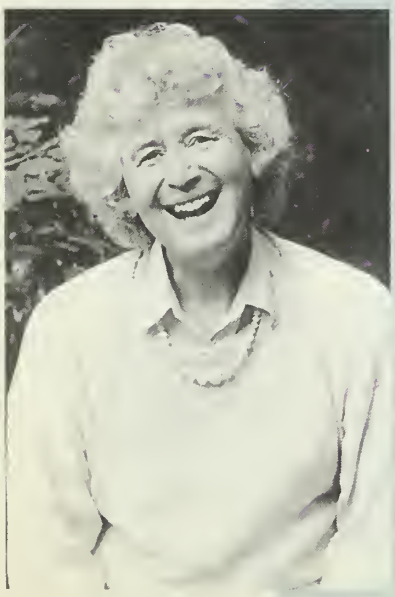
In some things, being transgender seems an asset. Witness the increasing number of TG therapists. Having seen life a bit through the eyes of both genders and knowing what pain is, as they do, TGs already possess two key qualifications for working sympathetically with people in distress. Which may explain the success of San Francisco area therapist, Gianna Eveling Israel, who reports many of her clients come to her because they have learned she is transgendered.

19. JAMES GREEN

James Green's appearances as himself on television and in the acclaimed documentary, *You Don't Know Dick: The Courageous Hearts of Transsexual Men*, have generated interest in his potential as an actor from Hollywood producers. The fact that he's transgendered hasn't entered into the conversations at all. Could the silver screen's next leading man be a transman?

22. CHERYL COSTA

Cheryl Costa is out, TG and proud! She's one of the community's most beloved radio personalities. The weekly program she co-hosts in the Washington, DC, area on WMET has already been scouted by national syndicators. Far from being daunted by Cheryl's transgender background, the syndicators were fascinated and saw it as a plus. Move over Rush what's-his-name.



20. JAN MORRIS

Few TGs have had a more public outing than Jan Morris, whose revelation of her own transsexual journey in *Conundrum* doesn't seem to have put readers off. Having gotten the tropes of travel writing down with her autobiography, Morris has gone on to win best-selling audiences with her chronicles of pilgrimages to exotic climes and far away places.

23.DANA PREISING

Dana Priesing is another TG attorney who has put her professional abilities to work for the TG community. As GenderPac's Washington-based woman-on-the-hill, she monitors legislation that may affect TGs, testifies on behalf of the TG community before congressional hearings, and works to draft trans-friendly legislation. Meanwhile, her TG status hasn't prevented individual and corporate clients from beating a path to Dana's door.

24. MELINDA WHITEWAY

Melinda Whiteway, deputy sheriff, makes the rounds of California's Santa Clara Valley at night. One of those rare peace officers with a law degree, Melinda has a second distinction. She is a TS who transitioned on the job. What was her supervisor's reaction to the announcement? "It's a non-issue," he said.

25. J.M. STINE

Jean Marie Stine was out, while working as a Hollywood ghost (Linda DeViller's *Loveskills*) and occasional screenwriter (*Synapse*) long before she joined the IFGE staff as Director of Publications. Before she came out, Jean was rated "most popular instructor" by students at the L.A. area's Classes Unlimited. After going full-time, and teaching in women's attire, Jean reports she was still rated "most popular instructor."

Aspects of Gender

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The Definitive Book About Crossdressing!

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Lesley Gordon, a happily married transvestite, has authored a fine book on crossdressing and most of its related issues. Aspects of Gender stands out! It is meaningful to both transvestites themselves trying to come to terms with their conditions and the general public without any knowledge at all of the subject. Gordon's division of Behavioral/Environmental Origins and Biological Origins are well written and very sensible ways to begin his first few chapters. Needs and desires of transvestites and transsexuals are fairly described, as are the ranges of reactions good, bad, fair, unfair and many in between from the rest of the world. Pros and cons regarding telling, not telling partners, family members, and close fiends are well presented. There is a fairly good chapter on how to: select feminine clothing, shoes, walking, hair, basic makeup and cosmetic steps, and many of the considerations critical if one is to go out in public crossdressed. A very fine book written with seriousness.

New York Girls Newsletter

"Crossdressing (transvestitism)," writes Leslie Gordon, "is superficially a simple matter of persons of one sex wearing clothing traditionally worn by the other. It is in fact, however, quite a complex form of behavior. Thousands of people from all walks of life engage in it in one form or another. Its origins derive from a number of different roots and individuals crossdress for many different reasons. There are psychological and social aspects which have an important bearing on the CD's behavior and the CD's own view of self as well as society's view of the CD and, of particular importance, the relationship between the CD and his close associates, be they spouse, partner, colleagues or friends.

"It is to try to shed light on these various aspects of crossdressing that this book is written. The subject is discussed, also the multitude of questions and problems which trouble those concerned with crossdressing—questions raised not only by the CD but by spouses, partners, family and colleagues. Finally, for those who seek information on the subject as partners of a CD, as social workers or as counselors, I hope that this book, along with the information on my own personal life, will provide at least the basis for understanding and tolerance."

Among *Aspects of Gender*'s fascinating chapters are: What is a Transvestite/Crossdresser?; Origins of the Transgender Personality; The Satisfaction of a Fantasy, Sources of Hostility; To Tell Partner or Not?; Learning to Live with Each Other; The Transvestite as a Woman, Looking Good ~ Feeling Good; The Transvestite & The Law; Help & Advice for the Transvestite.

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Internal Transphobia: When TG's Hate Being TG

Randi Ettner, Ph.D.

"When you treat another harshly and distance yourself from your heart, it is you that suffers as well as the other, and when you treat another with compassion, you treat yourself kindly at the same time."

Gary Zukav, *The Seat of the Soul*

I ran into someone I know from the TG community the other day, and we started to discuss a new restaurant in town.

"How's the food?' I asked.

"Not bad," said my acquaintance. "But I'll never go back."

"Why is that?"

"Too many of 'them'," was the response. "You can spot them a mile away. The night I was there, there was a whole group of them, overdressed of course, being read as soon as they walked through the door. I wish they'd give up the glamour look. They give me a bad rap, and soon people will start reading me too."

I don't think my friend passes 100% of the time, but the hostility expressed towards others who are out and do not pass is unfortunately, an all too frequent sentiment.

While transphobia in our society exists everywhere, its occurrence in the gender community is particularly unsettling. Many transgendered individuals compulsively avoid, shun, or mock others who are transgendered.

While attending a conference out of town, three participants, all of whom were living full-time, decided to take a break and see the local sights.

"We drove down to a local attraction and joined the other tourists viewing the area. Nobody was the least bit interested in us, or even aware of our presence; let alone the fact that we were transgendered. Suddenly, Pauline, who seemed uneasy the whole way up blurted out, "I bet you people have never seen men dressed like women before. Well, that's what we are!' Needless to say, we were horrified."

As inappropriate and extreme as Pauline's outburst seems, it is an outward projection of her shame and lack of self-acceptance. Transphobic TGs cannot accept their gender uniqueness and are deeply shamed by it.

The failure to accept and integrate this part of the self causes a 'fsplitting" inside. Sometimes this actually feels like two different, warring selves within one body. The phenomenon of splitting is most easily identified in childhood. Often a child will think of a "good" mommy who praises and doles out rewards, and the "bad" mommy who is abruptly irritable and punitive. As the child develops, she learns to reconcile the complexities of individual people and to fuse the two personas into one relatively encompassing, stable concept: mommy.

Although a TG who is unaware of their self-hatred may deny that they are uncomfortable with themselves, they project this anger and self- loathing onto other members of the community. Often, this comes across as a hypercriticism of others. Recently, a secretary in the process of transitioning at work, came "dressed" to a support group meeting. She left crying. "Everyone told me how awful I looked" she said.

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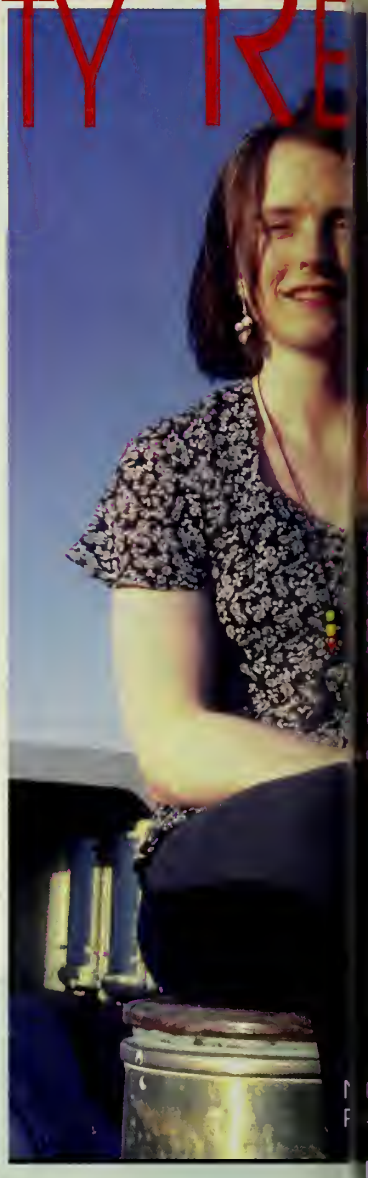
THE TG COMMUNITY RE

A Personal Perspective on the 11th Annual IFGE Conference "California Unity '97"

Melanie Yarborough



The 11th Annual IFGE national conference, California Unity, April 15-20th 1997, held in cooperation with the California Dreamin' Organizing Committee and other regional transgender groups, was very high-energy event. Perhaps this is because it drew such high-energy people: Rikki Ann Wilchins, Executive Director of GenderPac; James Green, President of FTM International; Jane Ellen Fairfax of Tri-Ess; JoAnn Roberts of CDS and Renaissance; Jean Marie Stine, editor-in-chief of Transgender; Mariette Pathy Allen, the TG community's #1 photographer; ➔

CAL UNITY CLOSE-UP: 400 Transfolk Can't be Wrong!

Nearly 400 transgendered individuals and their supporters gathered at Long Beach, California's Hotel Queen Mary, once one of the most fabled of ocean liners before being dry-docked as a hostelry. It can modestly be said that there has never been a gender event to equal it. And no wonder! Cal Unity was the result of the joint efforts of no less than nine participating organizations: IFGE, PPOC, Diablo Valley Girls, Neutral Corner, Androgyny, the Transgender Menace (Southern California), Born Free, Pathfinders, and ETVC.

Just consider these staggering statistics: almost 400 attendees; three tiers of programming (see accompanying stories), each amounting almost to a separate conference within the conference: 1) the main program with material of interest to almost every one who attended; 2) a program for spouses and significant others; 3) a "masculinities" program designed especially for F2Ms; three unforgettable galas, including two glamorous awards ceremonies, where worthy TG individuals and supporters were honored with more than one dozen awards: The Alicia Lichty, Virginia Prince, Trinity, Pathfinders, FTM International, Diversity, and *Transgender Tapestry* awards. (See accompanying stories.)

Thursday night, the Jim Bridges Salon hosted an IFGE membership fund-raiser that will go down in history. Moviestar handsome in a white tux, Jim presented a series of knockout performances by headliners from the biggest drag/FI shows in town. Friday night saw attendees turned out in their stunning best for an annual PPOC/Cal Dreamin' Alycia Lichty Award Banquet that will long be remembered! Saturday night mixed entertainment and edification, as mistress of ceremonies J.J. Allen, sequins flaming, steered the evening between award presentations and one of the most beautiful and fabulous singers ever to perform at a TG conference.

Cal Unity's daytime events were held in the three-story atrium of the Hotel Queen Mary Conference Center. The first level housed registration, vendors, and booths sponsored by various national and regional TG groups offering informational brochures and announcements for forthcoming conferences. On the second level, straight from Europe, was the first U.S. presentation of the Magnus Hirschfeld Exhibit, celebrating the TG-friendly pioneer German sexologist whose work was suppressed and destroyed by the Nazis. The lower level of the conference center hosted panels, workshops and other exciting presentations.

Throughout the five delightful days of Cal Unity, participants enjoyed near round-the-clock conversation, education, outreach, entertainment, receptions, banquets, receptions, and other festivities. Old friends met, new friends were made; the joy, pride and excitement of being TG were very much evident. IFGE's 12th Annual Conference, Crossing Borders, will be held March 24-29, 1998, in Toronto, Canada, in conjunction with EXpressions, the Toronto transgender support and education organization.

(Reprinted from dispatches in *The IFGE Newsletter*.)

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Nangeroni
Mariette Pathy Allen

"California Unity was exactly that, a great demonstration of unity, as leaders from a cross-section of our community came together in harmony and support."

Rachel Miller,
author *The Bliss of Becoming One*

Tonye Barreto-Neto, Executive Director of Transgender Officers Protect and Serve (TOPS); Nancy Nangeroni of the Gender Talk radioshow; Cindy Martin of the TG Forum; Erin Souza of ETVC; Linda & Cynthia Phillips of The Texas T Party. These, and many others, are our community's organizers and activists, the people with that deep sense of commitment. When you're surrounded by people like that, the enthusiasm rubs off.

Workshops and presentations covered a wide range of topics: hormones, makeup and jewelry, transgenderism and law enforcement, spouses and significant others, the female-to-male community, effective use of the Internet, counseling issues and community organizing.

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CAL UNITY CLOSE-UP: Spouses and Partners

One of the several workshops and discussions dedicated to couple relationships brought up issues of boundaries and accommodation. Panelists included Jane Ellen Fairfax, Tri-Ess Board of Directors; Frances Fairfax, editor *The Femme Mirror*; Pam G, Treasurer of the San Diego Neutral Corner group; Pam's spouse, Janet; and Sharon and Sharlene, members of the wives' support group, Pathfinders.

The workshop focused on issues like how crossdressers inform their wives of their situation. The answer, in all too many cases, is unfortunately by accident: for example, when unfamiliar women's clothing was discovered around the house.

Jane Ellen broke the news to Frances by first doing research on the subject, and then telling her this was an extra side of her personality, a feminine side expressed by crossdressing. Jane Ellen was careful to let Frances know from the outset "You're not going to lose me to this." One audience member, Dana, underscored this by saying, "It's the crossdresser's responsibility to educate their partner."

Sharlene candidly told the audience, "When I first found out about my spouse crossdressing, I wasn't willing to accept it. I was pretty much in a state of denial. I'd ask him how he and his 'condition' were doing." Sharlene also felt the urgent need for someone to talk to on this, but didn't know where to turn. She set an initial boundary of sight; crossdressing was tolerated, but only as long as she didn't have to see it.

Photo:
Mariette Pathey Allen

Wives were told they can set boundaries. However, it's a quintessentially male thing to test boundaries, to see how far things can be pushed. It's crucial that women understand boundary-testing isn't necessarily a male imposition. It's a natural component of masculinity, the same masculinity they value in their mates.

Jane Ellen Fairfax observed, "There must be compromise on both sides." Wives need to also be willing to dialogue about it, not to draw inflexible boundaries which can never be negotiated. But, as Sharlene says, "Respect your wife's right not to have to be a part of it."

Janet wondered, "Why can't a crossdressing husband act like a woman in other ways that matter, like talking, discussing things?" Jane Ellen concurred, with, "The best thing a crossdresser can do is to feminize his soul. They've never learned to listen or to develop those same traits they love in women. If we become more feminine in our outlook, our wives may allow us to be more feminine in our clothing."

Melanie Yarborough

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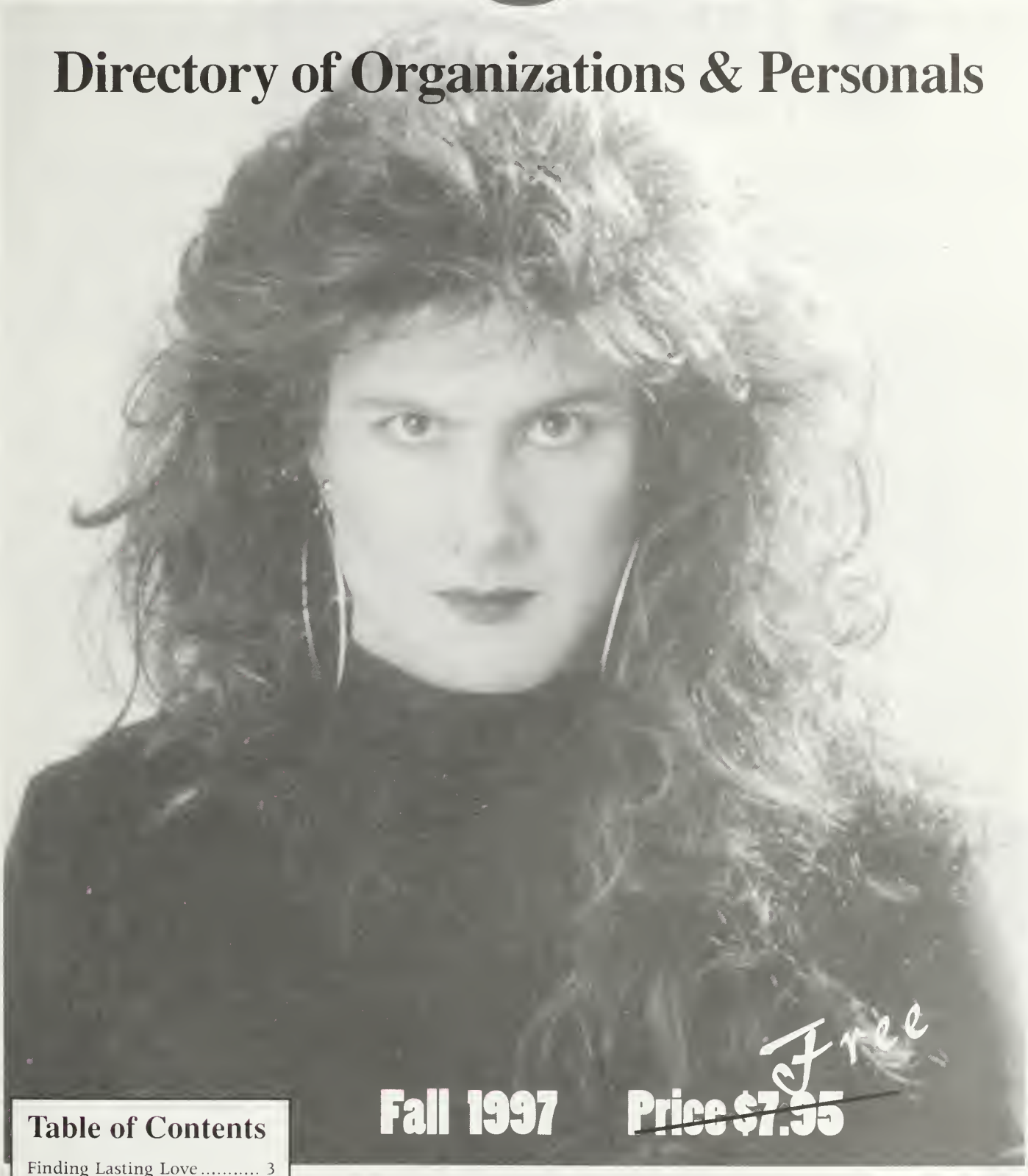

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Finding Lasting Love

Spouses & Significant Others

Dr. Peggy Rudd, Director of SPICE and Dignity Cruises

A popular song describes why some of us never find love The lyrics say we are, "Looking for love in all the wrong places." Where are transgendered people looking for love? Many are waiting for love to come to them through other people, but real love moves outward from the heart.

What does this mean? Simply stated this means that too often we are inclined to say, "Love me so I can love myself." In reality we should be saying, "I want to be lovable. I want to love myself, and then perhaps others will also love me."

Basically, most of our problems in matters of love relate to the egocentric nature of humanity. Most people ask first, "What's in it for me?" Or they say, "If I don't get the love I deserve I'll never be truly happy!" Too much of our self-confidence seems to be dependent upon moment-by-moment responses from others.

Once we have started to love ourselves, we have opened our hearts for the love which can be freely given by others. We are not talking about the kind of self-love experienced by Narcissus, who looked into a pond, saw a reflection of himself, and fell very much in love with what he saw. From that time forward Narcissus found no room for anyone else. The Narcissus kind of self-love deprives an individual of the fulfillment which others can bring into life.

The healthy kind of self-love is not vanity. Rather it is self-appreciation which is necessary for good mental health. If you constantly doubt or reject yourself, love relationships will be affected. People tend to project their inner thoughts about self, and others are either positively or negatively affected.

In his recent book, *Born For Love* (Random House), Leo Buscaglia, Ph.D., describes the love of self, as well as the love for others, as something we must continually work toward. But, according to Buscagalia, you must forgive yourself first before your heart is ready for love. According to Buscgalia, "You might forget your own telephone number, but you will have an unfailing memory for all the things you have done wrong, especially the past mistakes." Our chances for love are greatly diminished when we allow the past to cloud the present.

SHARING LIFE WITH ANOTHER

If you believe you cannot be happy without being involved in a relationship, you are already showing symptoms of a person who has difficulty in relationships. This dependency upon love is a "set up" for a clinging, dependent attitude. Another person cannot make you happy, make you feel good, or elevate your self-confidence.

Ideally, you can move from the need for external approval to self-approval. Wanting to share a beautiful sunset with someone is normal. Feeling that there is no pleasure in the sunset when you are alone is not normal or ideal.

Unfortunately, our culture emphasizes external approval at the expense of internal harmony and honesty. You have read stories about men who find status within the business world at the expense of personal integrity. You also know about students who cheat on exams in order to have the best grade and the approval of the teacher. Where does self-approval fit into this?

WHAT IS THE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS?

We believe other people are making us unhappy when they do not love us freely or in the way we want to be loved. Resentment, anger, frustration, and fear fill our hearts. Women in a committed relationship with transgendered men may feel many of these negative emotions. These are dangerous emotions capable of leading people toward self-destruction. Since such emotions are stimulated by external forces, their impact is only an illusion and can be handled or dissipated with some effort. One thing is definite. Keeping negative emotions around is detrimental to love, and will almost always harm any relationship.

We need to build bridges from the shadows of pain back into our hearts. True feelings, including love and acceptance, begin within. We must learn to be true to our own identity before others can learn to relate to that identity. Self-approval precedes approval by others. As long as a person has not come to terms with who they are, others will see them as less than lovable. If a person finds little or no internal harmony, he cannot expect to have a harmonious relationship with others. To state this in simple terms we cannot demand love. We must create it.

An ancient proverb states: "MASTER YOURSELF AND YOU CAN MASTER ANYTHING!"

To find love, look in the right places. Look first into all the dark recesses of your heart. Resolve the issues you find there, and you will be ready to find love. Forget about the Narcissus type of love that focuses upon external beauty. Look into your own heart. Keep yourself worthy of respect, and you will be able to love yourself. This is not a selfish attitude unless we start to care only about selfish interests. There is much pleasure in giving ourselves to another person when we feel we are worth giving. The selfish person looks at the world only from the view of what he or she can get out of it. Selfishness is the opposite of self-love, which is motivated by the desire to please another person. The irony is that selfish people really do not love themselves. They love nobody. Self-love helps us know we are SOMEBODY. To love yourself is to think of yourself as worthy of love.

(Peggy Rudd, EdD, is the author of My Husband Wears My Clothes *and* Crossdressing with Dignity. *She currently serves as the director of the annual Spouses and Partners International Conference for Education [SPICE].)*

SKIN

Baby Soft & How To Get It

Linda DeFruscio, R.E., R.I., P.M.E.

Many of my older M2F trans sexual clients worry about the drying of skin that develops as we age. They want to know what they can do to combat it and keep the moist, plump, baby-soft look and feel associated with youth and femininity.

With the effects of aging, everyone's skin gradually becomes drier and thinner. Dry, thin skin is prone to:

Deep wrinkles
Loss of elasticity (bagging may occur)
Veins, redness and pigmentation
Loss of hydration

Pre- and post-operative women are not alone in their concerns. Recent studies have shown that millions of men and women suffer from the effects of dry, sensitive skin. These studies also show that Americans are more concerned about skin care than ever, with 30% more women and 40% more men using skin care products than they did just five years ago.

A good skin care program helps remedy a variety of conditions created by dry skin that can mar the baby soft touch and feel of a CD's or TS's skin:

Dryness, Redness, Scaling, Itching, Rashes, Acne

To prevent these, it is best to begin a skin care program long before the need is apparent. The following program has been specially designed to maintain and create softer, healthier-looking skin:

1. Increase water intake to 6-8 eight-ounce glasses a day.
2. Exercise (Minimum of 30 minutes per day—See your doctor first.)
3. Have proper nutrition and eat a balanced diet.
4. I recommend vitamin E- 400 I. U. (dl-Alpha-Tocophenyl-Acetate). Take one softgel daily with a glass of water and after a meal. Vitamins taken internally should be supervised under the care of a doctor or state-licensed nutritionist.
5. In order for fresh new skin cells to form, you must either exfoliate dead cells by using micro-fine, beaded skin washes or use light chemical peels such as alpha-hydroxy or physician-provided Retin-A.
6. Get deep hydration treatments from a skilled aesthetician or a salon expert.
7. Have skin care check-ups including facials monthly or bi-monthly. Provide a daily home skin care program with a consistent regime. Keep extra products on hand so you don't run out of what works best on your skin.
8. Get adequate sleep (7-8 hours per night). This provides healing time for the skin and the body.

Follow this program regularly. It may sound like a lot of work, but it's worth it. Glamorous actresses don't get that baby-soft look by accident. It's the result of hard work, and a day-in day-out, year-in year-out routine of proper skin care. But then none of the most prized attributes that M2Fs associate with femininity are come by easily—or naturally!

(Linda DeFruscio, R. E. , R. I. , P. M. E. is owner of A & A Electrolysis and Skin Care Associates, 815 Washington Street, Newtonville, MA 02160 (617) 964-1000. Questions are welcomed by phone or by letter.)

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Support Groups

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AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.: AEGIS, PO Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN). (770)939-0244 helpline, FAX (770)939-1770 E-mail: <aegis@mindspring.com>. Educational, mental health services and support group.

FEMALE-TO-MALE INTERNATIONAL: FTM, 5337 College Avenue, #142, Oakland CA 94618. Education, outreach.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: PO Box 35477, Houston TX 77235-5477. Annual conference on transgender legal and policy issues.

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NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE: 2320 17th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009-2702. (202)332-6483 extension 3301, FAX (202)332-0207, TTY (202)332-6219. It is impossible to list all the gay and lesbian support groups. Write NGLTF for a referral to someone near you.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES: OIGS, 126 Western Ave, Suite 246, Augusta ME 04330. Ariadne Kane, MEd, Director (207)621-0858. Programs for professionals.

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: 987 Old Eagle School Rd., #719, Wayne PA 19087. (610)975-9119 (24 hrs). Email: angela@ren.org. Educational outreach and support group.

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI-ESS): PO Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. Email: TRISINFO@AOL.COM Educational outreach and support group for heterosexual crossdressers. Write for referral to local chapter.

SPOUSES/PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE for EDUCATION: SPICE, c/o P. Rudd, PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77491. Annual conference for partners of gender-gifted males.

TRANNSEXUALS IN PRISON: c/o Roni Lynne Soubrette, 104 Quineveree Ct., Castle Rock WA 09611. Support group.

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ALABAMA
(350-369)

TS - **MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:** Montgomery Institute, PO Box 3361, Montgomery AL 35109. Jerry or Lynn Montgomery. (205)272 -2726. Mental health services/support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, PO Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Michelle Steadman, (205)880-9660. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA SOUTH:** SERGA, PO Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660. Lisa Jackson. Support group.

ALASKA
(995-999)

ALASKAN T-PEOPLE: c/o Bobbie Wendy Tucey, PO Box 670349, Chugiak AK 99567-0349. Support group.

ARIZONA
(850-864)

CD/TS - **A ROSE:** PO Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813. Support group.

CD/TS/TG- **GENDER OUTLAWS:** PO Box 55863, Phoenix AZ 85078. (602) 274-9599. Hotline, professional referrals.

TRI-S - **ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER:** PO Box 1738, Tempe AZ 85280-1738. Web site: http://users.aol.com/jessicaphx/alpha_za.htm. Support group.

SORORITY: support group for family, friends. (602)293-3456.

WINGSPAN: 422 North 4th Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705. Support group.

TRI-S - **TAU UPSILON:** 8802 E. Bradway Blvd. #145, Tucson AZ 85710. Phone: (520)296-3472.

ARKANSAS
(716-729)

TRI-S - **MU SIGMA:** PO Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221. (501)227-8798, (501)523-2466. Support group.

CD/TS/TG/SO - **DANIELLE'S GETAWAY:** c/o Danielle Storm, PO Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061. Support group.

CD/TS/Gay CD - TRI-S - **TAU UPSILON:** 8802 Broadway Blvd., #145, Tucson AZ 85710. (520)296-3472. Support group.

CD/TS/TG - **EVOLVER:** 416 E. 22nd St., Tucson AZ 85713. (520) 884-0541. Support group.

METRO'ON OF CATALINA: Focuses on study of the spiritual heritage of the Gallae the transgendered priestesses of Cybele and Attis. Email: gallae@azstarnet.com

CALIFORNIA
(900-960)

CD - **ANDROGYNY:** PO Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90004. (213)467-8317, Shiela or Shirley. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **MINORITY AIDS PROJECT:** 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90016. (213)936-9338. Education and outreach.

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** ATEC, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., #584, Hollywood CA 90028. Referrals.

TRI-S - **ALPHA:** PO Box 411352, Eagle Rock Station, Los Angeles CA 90041. Phone: (818)352-9448. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE:** c/o Grace Bredow, PO Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046. Support group.

CD/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** PO Box 14521, Long Beach CA 90803. Send SASE for details. Private membership club.

CD/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry, #608, Long Beach CA 90806. Parties and socials.

CD/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB: CHIC,** PO Box 8487, Long Beach CA 90808. (310)420-2580. Support group.

CD/TS - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS:** PO Box 816 Lakewood, CA 90714. (310) 869-4241. Outreach coordination.

CD - **CD SOCIAL GROUP:** PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

SO - **PATHFINDERS:** PO Box 2973, Corona CA 91718-2973. Support group for genetic women involved with the gender community.

IS - **AIS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Sherri Groveman, 4203 Genessee Ave., #103-436, San Diego CA 92117-4950. Email: <aissg@aol.com>.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:** PO Box 3822 Riverside CA 925519-3822. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PSGV TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT:** 401 South Main Street, Ste. 104, Pomona CA 91765. (909)620-8987. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER:** PO Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112. (619)685-3696. E-mail: http://users.aol.com/nutrlcrnr.html Support group.

TS - **PHOENIX RISING:** c/o Kristen Dixon, PO Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852. Support group.

TG - **TRANS ACTION:** PO Box 632954, San Diego CA 92163-2954. Support/advocacy group.

SO - **LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS:** (714)786-6891. Support group.

SO - **LADIES KNIGHT OUT:** PO Box 232, Laguna Hills CA 92654. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA:** PPOC, PO Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686. Email: <ppoc@aol.com. Support group.

CD/SO - **LADIES KNIGHT OUT:** PO Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713. (714)262-9105. Support group for heterosexual crossdressing couples.

CD/TS - **PEOPLE EXPRESSING ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES:** PEAL, Gay and Lesbian Center, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd. #A, Garden Grove CA 92832. (714)534-0862, live Wed. 8:00-9:30. Monthly support group.

TRI-S - **TRI-CHI - TRI ESS:** PO Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. Phone: (209)688-9246. Support group.

TRI-S - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF:** c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. (209)688-9246. Support group.

INFO LINK ORANGE COUNTY: (714)851-2883. Referrals. Also available in Spanish and TDD.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (940-960)

FTM TS/TG - **TRANSMALETASKFORCE:** 1259 El Camino Real, #151, Menlo Park CA 94025. (415) 780-9349. F2M support.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave.., San Francisco CA 94102. (415)554-0518. Peer counseling & support group.

BARBARA F. ANDERSON, MSW, PhD: 1537 Franklin St., Suite 104, San Francisco CA 94109. (415)776-0139, FAX (415)441-0936. Certified Sex Therapist. Clinical Sexologist.

CD/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO:** 584 Castro, PO Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588. (415)863-6717. Political action group.

FTM TS - **FPSG:** 584 Castro, PO Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990. Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY.

CD/TS/SO - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION:** SFGI, PO Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602. Maintains database of TG resources for SF Bay area.

CD/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, PO Box 426486 San Francisco CA 94142-6486. (510)549-2665 hotline, (415)334-3439 voice-mail, Telzey (510)849-4112. Support group.

SO - **SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT:** SOS, c/o ETVC, PO Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486. Support group.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: HBIGDA, 3790 El Camino Real, #251, Palo Alto CA 94306-3314. (415)322-2335. Resource for professionals.

CD/TS/SO - **DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS:** DVG, PO Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885. (510)937-8432. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SAN JOAQUIN GENDER ASSOCIATION:** 1141 Catalina Drive, Box 163, Livermore CA 94550. (510)447-9920. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** 1250 Pine St., Walnut Creek CA 94596. (510)939-7711. Support group.

SOCIETY FOR INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN TRANSGENDER ISSUES: PO Box 30844, Oakland CA 94604-0844. (510)601-7975. Sharon Grayson.

FTM TS - **FTM INTERNATIONAL:** 5337 College Avenue, #142, Oakland CA 94618. Support group for FTM TSs.

CD/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley CA 94705. (510)548-8283. Support group.

CD/TS - **SWAN'S INNER SOCIETY:** PO Box 1423, San Jose CA 95109. (408)297-1423, FAX (408)993-8173. Support group.

GAY/LES/TG - **THE BILLY DEFRANK CENTER:** 175 Stockton Avenue, San Jose CA 95126. Support group.

CD - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS:** c/o Joan Sheldon, PO Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408)984-4044 warmline. Support group.

CD/TS - **REDWOOD EMPIRE SOCIAL GROUP:** PO BOX 1531, Sonoma CA 95476. (707)938-8029. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821. (916)482-7742. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA - TRI-ESS SIERRA SILVER BELLS:** SSB, PO Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151. Support group.

COLORADO (800-816)

SO - **TEENAGE KIDS OF TS:** TAKOTS, c/o Laurie Ciccotello, 1740 S. Buckley Road #6-178, Aurora CO 80017. Support group.

CD/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.:** GIC, 1455 Ammons Street, Suite 100, Lakewood CO 80215. (303)202-6466. Educational outreach.

FTM - **FTM SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets third Wednesday at 7.00 pm. Call John (303)698-2385.

TRI-S - **DELTA DENVER:** PO Box 16208, Denver CO 80216. Email: wells@hpmtpjrm.lvld.hp.com. Support group.

CD/TS - **SUPPORT GROUP OF PUEBLO:** PO Box 1918, Pueblo CO 81002. (719)543-6460. Support group.

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

CD/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, PO Box 163, Farmington CT 06034. (860)657-4344. Support group.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY)CLUB:** PO Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387. Support group.

TS/SO - **IMAGES:** PO Box 666, Thompson CT 06241-0666. (203)779-9708 voice and FAX. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **P I GROUP:** PO Box 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245. Discreet photo, video, scanning and desktop publishing services.

CD - **connecticuTView:** c/o Denise Mason,PO Box 2281, Devon CT 06460. Email: Mason D@aol.com. Newsletter and directory.

DELAWARE (197-199)

CD/TS- **TRANSSOCIETY SISTERS OF DELAWARE:** c/o Linda Marie, Ivy Hall, #6, Newark DE 19711. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER:** PO Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808. (302)376-1990. Support group.

FLORIDA (320-340)

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE:** GING, Gail Driaper, (904)332-8178. Referrals.

CD/TS/TG - **PANTRA:** PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

TRI-ESS - TAU LAMBDA: PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.: PO Box 141133, Gaincsville FL 32607. (904)332-6638. Referrals.

TRI-ESS - PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS: PO Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261. (407)382-8389. Email: DennisSFL@aol.com. Web site: http://www.virtual-pub.com/misc/fem.htm. Support group.

CD/TS - BUTTERFLIES OF THE WORLD: For information contact April-Lynne Fowler, PO Box 2782, Orlando Fl 32802-2782. (407)841-3125. Support group.

CD/TS - FANTASIA: c/o GLCS, PO Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Phone: (407)425-4527. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - SERENITY: PO Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022. (954)436-9477. Support group.

TRI-ESS - GAMMA CHI BETA: PO Box 510045, Punta Gorda FL 33051. Phone (407382-8389.

CD/TS/SO - ANIMAS: PO Box 420309 Miami FL 33242. Support group.

GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER: 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428. (800)328-2633.

CD/TS/SO - STARBURST: PO Box 17411, Clearwater FL 34622-0411. (813)523-8760. Support group.

CD/TS - TAMPA SISTERS: TGIF, PO Box 272819, Tampa FL 33688-2819. (813)935-6848, Kimberly Westwood. Please leave contact information. Support group.

THE CONSULTANCY FOR CHANGE: Roger N Millen, PhD, 304 16th Ave., Indian Rocks Beach FL 33785-2824. Phone: (813)595-8457. Email: TforChange@aol.com. Counseling and psychotherapy for individuals and couples.

TS - ENCHANTE: A.C.P., 1180Cleveland St., Clearwater FL 34615. Phone:(813)845-0284, Jackie. Support group.

GEORGIA
(300-319)

TRI-S - SIGMA EPSILON: PO Box 272, Rosewell GA 30077-0272. (770)552-4415. Email: Kerri_E@prodigy.com/kerridc/sigep.htm. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - AGE: PO Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357. (770)939-2128. Support group.

TS - THE EDEN SOCIETY: PO Box 941476, Atlanta GA 31141-0476 Support group.

HAWAII
(967-969)

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH: PO Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530. (808)923-4270. Email: tghawaii@poi.net. Support group.

ILLINOIS
(600-629)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY: PFTC, c/o Ellie Altman, Northbrook IL 60062. (847)564-9496, e-mail: EllieAlt@aol.com. Support group.

TRI-S - CHI CHAPTER: PO Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040. (630)262-8707. Email: chitriess@aol.com. Web site: http://users.aol.com/triess/trisss/chim ain.htm. Support group.

TS - THE SUNDAY SOCIETY: PO Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647. Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder, (312)486-3125, (312)252-7024, Sheila L. Support group.

TG - OUTPOST TRANSGENDER GROUP: 123 W. Church, Champaign IL 61825. Elizabeth (217)359-5113. Email: bridgett@prairienet.org. Support group.

SO - TRANSGENDER SIGNIFICANT OTHERS: Star (217)328-4469.. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, PO Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657. (708)863-7714. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION: CIGA, PO Box 182, Washington IL 61571. (309)444-9918, JoAnn. Support group.

INDIANA
(463-479)

CD/TS/F2M/M2F/SO - IGS Attn: Linda BB, PO Box 425, Carmel IN 46032. Phone: (317)781-0834, Angela. Email: kaylin@iquest.net Support group.

CD/TS/F2M/M2F/SO - INDIANA CROSSDRESSERS SOCIETY: Phone: (219)929-8533. Email: claudiakl@aol.com. Support group.

TG - TRANSGENDER OUTREACH OF NORTHERN INDIANA Attn: Linda BB, PO Box 425, Carmel IN 46032. Phone: (317)781-0834, Angela. Email: kaylin@iquest.net Support group.

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TRI-S - IOWA ARTISTRY: Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406. Support group.

CD/TS - QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION: 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802. (319)324-6941 from 6-9pm. Support group.

TS - PHOENIX: E-mail: ASuper@AOL.com. Support group.

KANSAS
(660-679)

CD/TS/SO - CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS: CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204. (913)791-3847. Support group.

CD/TS - WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: PO Box 16831, Wichita KS 67216-0831. Support group.

KENTUCKY
(403-427)

CD/TS/SO - LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY: LGS, PO Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458. (502)368-9918, Lori, (502)589-9556, Patricia. Support group.

LOUISIANA
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CD/TS/SO - GULF GENDER ALLIANCE: PO Box 56836, New Orleans LA 70187-1300. Support group.

CD/TS/SO NEW GROUP FORMING: c/o LA Belle, PO Box 4373, Baton Rouge LA 70156-6836. Phone: (504)833-3046. Support group.

MAINE
(038-047)

CD/TS/SO - TRANSUPPORT: Box 17622, Portland ME 04112. Support group.

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MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE: c/o Jean Vermette, PO Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894. (207)945-3092. Education, referrals, outreach.

CD/TS/SO - ALL MAINE TRANSGENDER: AMT, PO Box 145, Brewer ME 04412. (207)947-1686. Support group.

MARYLAND
(206-218)

CD/TS/CD - THE CLUB VICTORIA: Box 682, Bowie MD 20718. (301) 805-2255. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - TRANQUILITY (Renaissance affiliate): c/o GLCC, 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201. Support group.

BALTIMORE BOYZ: Mary (410)837-8888, Gary (410)392-3640.

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CD/TS - WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE: c/o H. Garfinkle, PO Box 1994, Silver Spring MD 20915. (301)649-3960. Support group. Meets in Bethesda, Md.

CD/TS - TRI-STATE TRANSGENDERED CLUB: c/o Diane Terrant, PO Box 3102, Deer Park MD 21550-1002. (301)453-3538. Support group.

MASSACHUSETTS
(010-027)

CD/TS/SO - SUNSHINE CLUB: P.O. Box 564 Hadley, MA 01035-0564. Support group. 413-584-1487. E-mail: ae907@yfn.ysu.edu,an3131@anon.penet.fi

TS-FTM-SO - EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP: P.O. Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton, MA 01060

CD/TS - BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES: PO Box 508, North Adams MA 01247. Support group.

CD/TS - THE MYRIAD NETWORK: PO Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267. Support group.

TS - ASSET (After Surgery Support for Transsexuals): ASSET, PO Box 3121, Greenfield MA 01302. Email: asset@crocker.com. Support group.

TS - MERISSA'S SUPPORT GROUP: (508)358-5919. Support Group. First Sunday of month, 6-10pm in Wayland, Massachusetts.

CD/TS/SO - TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.: TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (617)891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET). Support group.

SO - TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP: c/o TCNE, Inc., PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (617)891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET). Support group.

CD/TS - REFLECTIONS: PO Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026. (617)323-6528. Support group and other services.

TS/TG - GENDER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TSs (GISST): (617)227-6216. Support group for TS/TGs with addiction issues. Meets in Boston.

FTM - ENTERPRISE: PO Box 629, Jamaica Plain MA 02130. (617)441-5165 FTM support group.

SOCIETY OF CROSSDRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS: SCHE, 276 Pearl Street, L, Cambridge MA 02139.

F2M - THE OFFICERS' CLUB: 123 Moody St., Waltham MA 02154. (617) 683-1095. Support group.

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MICHIGAN
(480-499)

CROSSROADS: PO Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Messages: (313)537-3267. Support group.

CD/TS - NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP: NGDO, PO Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202. Justina Williams, President, (313)842-5258. Education and support.

TRI-S - THETA OMEGA GAMMA DETROIT: c/o Tri-Ess, 8880 Bellaire B2, Suite 104, Houston TX 77036. (temporary). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN: PO Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501. Support group.

MINNESOTA
(550-567)

CD/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION:** MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117. (612)220-9072 (voice-mail). Support group.

GENDER EDUCATION CENTER: GEC, PO Box 1861, Minneapolis MN 55311. Debbie Davis, Director. (612)424-5445, FAX (612)424-8595. Educational outreach.

TS - **NEW MEN & WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** PO Box 6432, Minneapolis MN 55406-0432. (612)220-1920. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA GAMMA:** Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408. (612) 870-8536. Email: triessbg@tri-esss.com. Web site: http://www.tri-ess.com. Support group.

DISTRICT 202: 2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408. Safe place for youth.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:** CLCC, PO Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414. (612)229-3613. Support group.

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612)625-1500, FAX (612)626-8311. Educational outreach.

MISSISSIPPI
(386-396)

CD/TS - **AURORA:** c/o Kim Brown, PO Box 1306, Florence MS 39073. (601)845-1328. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA CHI MISSISSIPPI:** PO Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253. Lee Frances, Secretary, (601)982-7678 (24 hrs). Support group.

MISSOURI
(630-658)

CD/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION:** StLGF, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. (314) 367-4128. StLGF@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS - **MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE:** MAGGIE, c/o St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. Coalition.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Stacey K. Connors, 1101 S. Liberty Drive, Liberty MO 64068. (816)792-0304. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA MU:** PO Box 2502#298, Springfield Mo 65801. Phone: (417)831-3433. Email: LSolomon@mail.orion.org.

NEBRASKA
(680-693)

CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 3112, Omaha NE 68103. Support group.

NEVADA
(890-898)

TRI-S - **TAU UPSILON:** 8802 E. Broadway Blvd., #145, Tucson AZ 85710. (502) 296-3472. Support group.

TRI-S -**THETA UPSILON GAMMA:** PO Box 42401, Las Vegas NV 89116. (702) 387-3891. Email: sage@intermind.net. Web site: http://www.intermind.net/theta/theta.html. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TURNABOUTS OF LAS VEGAS:** PO Box 927, Las Vegas NV 89125. (702) 222-7814. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS SUPPORT GROUP:** Leave a message for Marty, (702)594-7884. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SILVER ROSE GENDER ASSOCIATION:** c/o Lynda Cheney, PO Box 1334, Carson City NV 89702. Email: lyndach@aol.com. Support group.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
(030-038)

WRITERS ETC.: c/o Abby M. Greene, PO Box 6211, West Franklin NH 03235. (603) 934-3379. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH:** PO Box 421, Peterboroough NH 03458. (603)924-8828. Support group. Email: gtnorth@top.monad.net

G/L/Bi./T/Q YOUTH - **SEACOAST OUTRIGHT:** PO Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03802. Phone: (603)431-1013. Resource, referral, support for those 21 and younger; referral only for those over 21.

NEW JERSEY
(070-088)

TRI-S - **SIGMA NU RHO:** SNR, 1092 St. Georges Ave., Box 234, Rahway NJ 07065-2664. Phone: (908)826-5287. 24-hour hotline (800)480-3152, in near states. Support group.

CD/TS - **JUMPSTART CABLE:** PO Box 622, Paramus NJ 07653. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI DELTA MU:** PO Box 1, River Edge NJ 07661-0001. (800)484-7593(code4985). Support group. Internet: cdm@carroll.com

CD/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH/OCEAN TRANS GENDER:** MOTG, PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. (908)219-9094. Email: vikkimmotg@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSIT:** (908)526-2369. Support group.

CD/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK:** ECCN, c/o MOG, PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. Support group.

CD/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, PO Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960. (201)663-0772. Support group.

CD/TS - **NJSUPPORT:** c/o T. Risley, (609)933-2233. Meetings 1st Saturday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing. Renaissance affiliate.

NEW MEXICO
(870-884)

TRI-S - **FIESTA!:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109. Phone: (505)299-2533. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Stephanie, 2449 Algodones N.E., Albuquerque NM 87112. Support group.

NEW YORK
(090-149)

CD/TS - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR):** (212)979-8547. Political action group.

CD/TS/SO - **IMPERIAL QUEENS & KINGS OF NY, LI, NJ, CT & PA:** 80 Eighth Avenue, Suite 301, New York NY 10011. (212)229-1968 days, (212)627-1969 evenings. Open social group.

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT:** Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011. (212)620-7310. Support group.

CD/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK:** 561 Hudson St, Box 45, New York NY 10014. (201)794-1665 ext. 332. Support group.

BI-GENDER SELF-HELP GROUP: meets 2nd Monday each month, 6-8 pm in lower Manhattan. Contact: Lynda Frank, (212)765-3561.

CD/TS/SO - **CDI/NY:** 404 W. 40th St., #2, New York NY 10018. (212)570-7389, or (212)564-4847. Support group.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY:** Box 2783, Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163. (212)388-7022. B&D-oriented support group.

TS/F2M/M2F - **MGN/STAR:** 214 16th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215. (718)965-2911. Email: directlink@mindspring.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, PO Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. (201)794-1665, ext 2021. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NEW YORK GIRL & PARTNERS:** PO Box 456, Centereach NY 11720. (516)732-5115. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **HEMPSTEAD HOTLINE:** (516)485-6400.

CD/TS/SO - **HUNTINGTON HOTLINE:** (516)549-8700.

CD/TS/SO - **MIDDLE EARTH HOTLINE:** (516)679-1111.

CD/TS/SO - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:** LIFE, PO Box 1311, Water Mill NY 11976-1311. (516)283-1333. Email: joed2viola@aol.com.Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB:** TGIC, PO Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604. (518)436-4513 live Thurs. 7-9 p.m. or leave a message and instructions for calling back. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO Box 1611, South Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-0611. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE:** EON, PO Box 3586, Syracuse NY 13220. (315)423-4099. Support group.

TRI-S - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA :** PO Box 97, Ilion NY 13357. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK:** PO Box 6164, Watertown NY 13601. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TG SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NY:** 26646 Smith Road, Dexter NY 13634. (315)649-5534. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** P.O. Box 1701, Amherst NY 14226-1701. (716)643-2626. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** PO Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692. (716)251-2132. Support group.

NORTH CAROLINA
(270-289)

CD/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TGA, c/o Stephanie Dyla, PO Box 2265, Jamestown NC 28282-2264. (910)454-1493. Support group. http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/8607/

A CIRCLE OF CHILDREN: Rt 5, PO Box 564, Zebulon NC 27579. Chris Allen, (919)269-8698. Support group.

CD/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145. (704)642 1914. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANS-SENSUAL ALLIANCE:** PO Box 25347, Charlotte NC 28229-5347. (704)551-8838 (voice mail). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AGO:** 1235-E East Blvrd., Charlotte NC 28203. Alternative Gender-Oriented is group's full name.

TRI-S - **KAPPA BETA:** PO Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101. (704)565-5034. Email: Diane Jones, dajones@InfoAve.net. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHI RHO-TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, PO Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, PO Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814. (704)253-9882. Support group.

OHIO
(434-457)

CD/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** PO Box 287, Columbus OH 43068-0287. (614)231-1368. Email: cc@stargatge.com. Support group.

GLASS CITY SISTERS: PO Box 8532, Toledo OH 43623. Email: glassister@al.com. Support group.

TRI-S - **ALPHA OMEGA:** Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053. (216)556-0067. Support group.

CD - **PARADISE CLUB:** Paradise, PO Box 29564, Parma OH 44129. Email: ParadiseCL@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT:** PO Box 1692, Cincinnati OH 45201. (606)581-3711, E-mail: crossport@aol.com. Support group.

OKLAHOMA
(730-749)

CD/TS - **SOONER DIVERSITY:** PO Box 575, Norman OK 73070. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA BETA:** PO Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123. Support group.

CD/TS - **CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** COTA PO Box 60354, Oklahoma City OK 73146. Support group.

CD/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI c/o Ms Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. (918)582-6643/835-5334. Support group.

CD/TS - **DESIRE:** c/o Ms. Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. Support group.

OREGON
(970-979)

TS/TG/TV - **THE TRANS GROUP:** c/o Phoenix Rising Foundation, 620 SW 5th Ave., Suite 710, Portland OR 97204. Phone: (503)223-8299. Support group.

TS- **TRANSSEXUAL PEER SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Phoenix Rising Foundation, 620 SW 5th Ave., Suite 710, Portland OR 97204. Phone: (503)223-8299. Support group.

CD - **NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE:** NWGA, PO Box 4928, Portland OR 97208. (503)646-2802. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANS-PORT:** PO Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913. (503)774-8463. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:** PO Box 3312, Salem OR 97302. Support group.

TS - **SALISHON, THE WOMYN'S INFORMATION NETWORK:** SALISHON, PO Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Service and information.

TG - **INTERMOUNTAIN TRANSGENDER OUTREACH** 1524 Monroe Avenue, La Grande OR 97850. (541)962-3466. Email: keol@eosc.osshe.edu. Support group.

PENNSYLVANIA
(150-196)

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** TSG, 6020 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh PA 15206. (412)661-7030. Support group.

FTM - **PITBOYZ:** Dan & Michelle. E-mail: windyl@aabe.com.

CD/TS - **TRANSPITT:** PO Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230. (412)224-6015. Support group.

CD - **TRAVELERS EXPRESS:** PO Box 150, Falls Creek PA 15840. (814)375-7651. Support group.

FAMILY - **TRANSFAMILY:** c/o Deni Scott, 962 Rockdale Road, Butler PA 16001. (412)758-3578 (Janet). Email: dscott@pgh.net. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **OASIS:** PO Box 622, Meadville PA 16335. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS:** ESCC, 1903 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505. Email: eriesister@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, PO Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. (717)780-1578. Email: lsv@ezonline.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LEHIGH VALLEY/POCONO AREA:** Renaissance LV, PO Box 3624, Allentown PA 18106. Phone: (610)821-2955. Support group.

FTM - **LANCASTER BOYZ:** Tom (717)892-4999. E-mail: malesic@prolog.net. (Philadelphia area.)

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, PO Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NE PA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** Lehigh Valley. (610)821-2955. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance GPC, 987 Old Eagle Schol Road, Sute 719, Wayne PA 19087. (610)975-9119. Support group.

TS - **PHILA. TS SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103. (215)567-7879. Support group.

TS - **POSITIVE CHANGE:** c/o Pequin Place, 201 S Camac St., Philadelphia PA 19107. Joanna Sands (215)732-0603. Support group.

FTM - **PHILLY BOYZ:** Steve (215)546-6444. E-mail: shock@asc.upenn.edu. (Philadelphia area.)

UJIMA: Peer counseling, safer sex demos, and info materials for TG teens. Meets Wed. nights at 6:30 at 1207 Chestnut Street, 4th floor in Philadelphia

SIDA DE PUERTO RICO: PO Box 36-4842, San Juan PR 00936-4842. Phone (787)782-9600. HIV/AIDS outreach organization.

TENNESSEE
(370-384)

TRI-S - **ALPHA PI OMEGA:** PO Box 871, Brentwood TN 37204-0871. Email: laurywl@mindspring.com. Web site: http://members.aol.com/apotris/aponash.htm. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS:** PO Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209. (615)664-6883 voice mail. Support group. E-mail:ttp://www.transgender.org/tg/tvals/index.html

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite 4, Memphis TN 38104-2402. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **MEMPHIS TG ALLIANCE:** PO Box 11052, Memphis TN 38111-0052. Support group.

TEXAS
(750-799)

CD/TS/SO - **METROPLEX CD CLUB:** PO Box 141924, Irving TX 75014. (972)264-7103. Support group.

CD/TS - **AGAPE:** 1631 Dorchester, #112, Plano TX 75075. (214)424-1234. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU EPSILON TAU:** PO Box 14096, Arlington TX 76094. (214)490-5738. Email: BobbieR648. Support group.

CD/TS - **HELP ME...ACCCEPT ME OF DALLAS:** 6753 Camp Bowie Blvd., #177, Fort Worth TX 76116. Supprt group.

CD - **METROPLEX CD CLUB:** Bldg 106, Suite 144, 7120 Rufe Snow Dr., Watauga TX 76148-1862. Support group.

SO - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' SUPPORT:** PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77036. (909) 875-2687.

CD - **HELPING CDs ANONYMOUS:** HCDA, 68-4 e Hwy 6 s #334, Houston TX 77083. Email: brenda@firstnethou.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GULF COAST TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY:** PO Box 66643, Houston TX 77266. (713)780-4282. Support group.

TS - TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR TS SUPPORT: PO BOX 142, Bellaire TX 77401. (713)827-5913. Support group.

TRI-S - TAU CHI CHAPTER-TRI ESS: Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105. (713)349-8969. Email: JEFTRIS@aol.com. Web site: http:www.firstnethou.com/brenda/. Support group.

ROSENBERG CLINIC, GENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM: 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550. (409)763-0016. Medical, psychological care and support groups.

SO - WATS: PO Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. (210)980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - BOULTON & PARK SOCIETY: PO Box 17, Bulverde, TX 78163 (210)980-7788 live Tues. 6-9 pm CT. Email: tx t party@aol.com. Support group.

TS - SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: SATSG, PO Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE: PO Bx 15381, Austin, TX 78761. (512)515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm. Support group.

CD/TS - WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE: c/o Tami Maloney, 5817 Atlantic Dr., Abilene TX 79606. Support group.

UTAH
(840-847)

CD/TS/SO - ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY: PO Box 571242, Salt Lake City UT 84157-1242. (801)553-8141. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - ENGENDERED SPECIES: PO Box 11897, Salt Lake City UT 84147. (801)364-0136. Support group.

CD/TS/TG/SO - SALT LAKE GENDER CONSORTIUM: Genevera Martin Pres., PO Box 651073, Salt Lake City UT 84165-1073. (801)576-1416. Support Group.

VERMONT
(050-059)

CD/TS - TRANS: (802)472-8115. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in Burlingtn. Support group.

CD/TS - VERMONT TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP: For information leave message at (802)860-8430. Support group.

VIRGINIA
(220-246)

CD - BLACK ROSE: PO Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210. (301)369-7667. Support group.

TS/SO - METRO AREA GENDER IDENTITY CONNECTION (MAGIC): MAGA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

TRANS-GENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION: PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

CD - VIRGINIA'S SECRET: PO Box 14716, Richmond VA 23221-0386. E-mail: vasecret@aol.com. Support group.

FTM - VA BOYZ: John (804)751-0584. E-mail: moojuu@gnn.com.

CD/TS.So - BEACH BUNNIES: PO Box 64121M, Virginia Beach VA 23467. Support group.

WASHINGTON
(980-994)

TS/SO - TRANSSEXUAL LESBIANS AND FRIENDS: TLF, Seattle, WA (206)292-1037. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - EMERALD CITY: PO Box 31318, Seattle WA 98103. (206)827-9494. Support group.

CD/TS - CINDERELLA CIRCLE: 304 W. Champin, Bellingham WA 98225 (360)671-7826. Email: Starchild@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/M2F/F2M/SO - PAPILLON: Attn: Marianne, P.O. Box 1365, Veredale, WA 99037. Support Group. Phone: (509)624-5358. Out of Spokane

WASHINGTON, DC
(200-205)

CD/TS - WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE: c/o R. Lewis, PO Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724. (301)277-5475. Support group. Meets in Baltimore.

FTM - DC BOYZ: Adam (301)270-0372. E-mail: romandede@aol.com. (Metro DC.)

CD/TS/SO - TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON: TGEA, PO Box 16036 Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

WEST VIRGINIA
(246-268)

CD/TS - THE VALLEY GIRLS: TVG, PO Box 181, Dunbar WV 25064. Support group.

CD/SO - TRANS-WV: PO Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322. Support group

WISCONSIN
(530-548)

TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP: c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918. (414)271-3322. Psychotherapy.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211. Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, LICSW, (414)332 5407. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS/SO - GEMINI GENDER GROUP: PO Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214. (414)297-9328 (voice-mail). Support group.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304. (414)774-4111. Full service TS facility.

WYOMING
(820-831)

CD/TS - CENTRAL WYOMING TG SUPPORT GROUP: PO Box 1301, Evansville WY 82636. (307)265-3123. Support group.

CANADA

CANADA QUEBEC

TS/SO - **FACTT - QUEBEC:** Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6. French-speaking referrals, medical and psychological services and support group.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec,CANADA H3S 2S6. Information and referrals.

CD/TS/SO - **CLUB MET:** 4113 Dorion Street, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H2K 3B8. (514)528-8874. Support group. **(Formerly TAM.)**

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Non-prisoners contact Dee Farmer, 23288037, PO Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6.

ONTARIO

TS/CD - **FACTT - OTTAWA:** Box 7421, Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E4. Support group.

TS - **TRANSITION SUPPORT:** c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 2C9. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **XPRESSIONS:** PO Box 223, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5W 1B2. (416)812-6879. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER METAPHOR:** 829 Northwest Road, Suite 715, Kingston, Ontario CANADA K7P-2N3. Email: genmet@adan.kingston.net. Support group.

CD/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES:** c/o W. Travers, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8. (416)926-0744 (24 hours). Multitude of services for TG youth.

IS - **PATRICIA FLORA:** PO BOX 425, Postal Station C, 1117 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6J 3P5.

CD/TS/SO - **CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER'S CLUB:** 161 Gerrard St. E, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4. (416) 921-6112 (24hr). Support group. e-mail: info@wildside.org

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER MOSAIC:** PO Box 7421, Vanier Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1L 8E4. (819)770-1945. Support group.

MANITOBA

CD/TS/SO - **PRAIRIE ROSE GENDER GROUP:** PRGG, Box 23 Grp 4 RR1, Dugald, Manitoba, R0E 0K0. CANADA. (204) 257-2759. Support group.

ALBERTA

CD/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 2000, 6802 Ogden Rd. SE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2C 1B4. (403) 236 7072. Support group.

TRI-S - **PHI SIGMA:** Box 81115, 755 Lake Bonavista Drive S.E., Calgary, Alberta CANADA T2J 7C9. Phone: (403)271-6247. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ILLUSIONS SOCIAL CLUB:** Box 33002 Glenwood PO , Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T5P 4V8. Support group.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Dr. Angela Wensley, 14905 32nd Avenue, White Rock, British Columbia, CANADA V4P 1A4. (604)536-2053. Support group.

CD/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY:** Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1. Support group.

CD/TS - **FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY: FATE,** 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5 (604)254-9591.

ZENITH FOUNDATION: Box 8415 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6P 4Z9. (604) 261-1695

CD/TS/SO - **DREAM GIRLS:** PO Box 535, Kamloops, British Columbia, CANADA V2C 5L7. Support group.

INTERNATIONAL

ARGENTINA

TS - **TRANSSEXUALS FOR THE RIGHT OF LIFE AND IDENTITY:** TRANSDEVI, Casilla de Correo 151, C.P. 1748 Gral. Rodriguez, Buenos Aires.

BRAZIL

TS - **PURPURINA (GLITTER) PROJECT:** Katia Monteiro, no. 55 Rua DA Gloria, #30, Gloria, Rio de Janeiro. Phone: 02-252-4757. FAX: 02-227-5944. Educational outreach. AIDS awareness, referrals.

AFRICA

NIGERIA

TRANSFORMATION SECOND SELF: c/o Jane Enuneku, KM 4 Idiroko Road, PO Box 1006, OTA, OGUN STATE, WEST AFRICA.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE
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NORTH CAROLINA
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OHIO
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(150-196)

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VIRGINIA
(220-246)

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WISCONSIN
(530-548)

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CANADA

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VANESSA DIANE S
(PR-M5582-K12287-80)
DWM, Hispanic, 33, 5'12", bilingual professional. Closet CD (limited experience), very shy (live with conservative parents), but able to meet you and travel any time. Love sports (SCUBA), makeup and lingerie. Seek supportive GG (preferred) or TV/TS to help with my femininity. Must be discreet. Will answer all.

APO (090-)

DONNA W.
(APO-M5600-K12394-80)
MWM bi, 53. Crossdressing since childhood. Second wife knows & helps. Cannot meet as I live & work outside the country. Mbr FIL for years. Like to write & will answer all.

MASSACHUSETTS (010-027)

SUSANA
(MA-P-M0064-K0206-83)
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature & clothing, especially lingerie. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests.

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-80)
TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM, 70, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Go out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Make friends, but am on the quiet side, write to many other TVs. Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones & live full time as a woman.

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. Attended 60 weekends & 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room.

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-83)
Member of IFGE and INNvestments. Widowed WMCD, 74, 5'9", 185. Retired, good listener, honest & intelligent Pass well. Like photography, sailing gardening, good music raising butterflies. Would like contact with CDs in SE MA area.

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-80)
SWM TV, 60, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Like photography, treasure hunting, '40s &'50s music, dogs, nature, & being a lady. I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area.

MICHELLE WEST
(MA-M1486-K0842-83)
At 38, my lifelong delight in the expression of my femme self continues unabated. But each passing year deepens my awareness that the true blessings of the transgendered are inner: empathy, compassion, tolerance, spirit, vision and love.

JULIE WINSLOW
(MA-M1587-K0217-82)
MWM TG, 40. Member of INNvestments. Supportive wife to share wear with. Do not go out crossdressed except to meetings and such. Natural farmer, artist, activist.

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(MA-P-M1648-K0121-82)
MWM, hetero TV, 5'10", 205. Love dressing completely as a woman, going out in public and blending into the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TG friends who are sincere and have the same interests.

DIANA J.
(MA-M1999-K140-83)
Have taken hormones for 20 years, did electrolysis myself, TS in feelings. I have bought merchandise for business as a woman. I love my femininity and always look forward to the next day as a lady.

BONNIE F.
(MA-P-M2020-K2429-83)
WMTV, late 40s, 6', 165, size 14. Seeking new friends, TVs, women and sincere caring relationships with all genders. Music lover (blues/jazz), nonsmoker, explorer of TG spirituality, psychology of TV fantasies, feel of satin, swish of nylons against full petticoats, sensuality of slim skirts/lingerie.

KAREN F.
(MA-P-M2725-K4383-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6', 200. Dressing for years, but only recently ventured out with the help of friends. Love to dress up in soft feminine skirts, but don't get enough opportunity. Love lingerie and petticoats. Developing poise and confidence. Non-supportive wife. Your pix brings mine.

BOBBIE SOKOLOWSKI
(MA-P-M3869-K426-82)
I'm Bobbie, attractive, clean TV, easy going, open, mature, warm, lonely, seeking a deep relationship with a very attractive, tall clean, fit non- or very light smoker/drinker bi-W female or TV/TS with same qualities. Let's meet together with our love of femininity. Berkshire County area. Photo/phone.

CAROLYNNE K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-83)
TCNE, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, Narcissist, transcendentalist; cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, homemaking, dressing & engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, & secure social interaction. Single, await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender.

JOSEPHINE B.
(MA-M5544-K12262-81)
SWM, 59, 5'11", 205. Like to hear from mature CDs in SE Mass & nearby RI. Non-passable. Love dressing at home.

LAWRENCE C.
(MA-P-M4381-K5124-81)
Age 63-years young. Vegetarian for 15 years, but I do eat some fish. Like classical music, the outdoors & cooking. Interested in the arts & very feminine women. Looking for a close friendship with same interests. Have just moved to the east coast & starting life over again.

PAULA B.
(W-MA-P-M5571-K1985-85)
Member of Sunshine Club. Would like to meet others in the life-style to share the great gift of transgenderism. Please write. Love to go out to eat and shop, the club scene, but no drinking or drugs. High on life.

ALICIA CARLA LONGSTREET
(MA-M5749-K12703-99)
TALL fun loving post-op TS, with legs that just don't stop. I am interested in a permanent monogamous relationship with a good looking tall man, late 30s to early 50s. I like to ski (snow & water), play golf, play cards (especially bridge), go for long walks, & enjoy the outdoors. I love to cook (some people say I am skilled at it), & I love to cuddle in front of a roaring fire.

MARYJANE B.
(MA-P-M5928-K8080-82)
SWM, 40, CD with TS tendencies. Passable but still chicken sometimes. Been going out for two years. Answer all letters; your photo gets mine. Want to meet TV/TSs and supportive GGs north of Boston. See you at Jacque's on Saturdays.

JOANNA O.
(MA-P-M5974-K8300-83)
SWM, Bi-TV, 30, 6'2", slim, closeted. Interested in writing, meeting other TVs to share all aspects of femininity. Have huge wardrobe. Will answer all who write.

JOYCE M.
(MA-M6058-K13198-81)
33, 5'10", post-op, thin, youthful and attractive. Long, brown hair, large brown eyes and fair skin. College educated, Catholic and open to other people's religious viewpoints. Variety of interests. Want to meet nice non-TV/TS, somewhat old-fashioned gentleman. Interested in being a full-time housewife.

BILLY BRANN
(MA-M6263-K0666-81)
I am a nice person seeking same. 5'7", 125, with curly black hair and a wicked smile. Let's get together.

RHODE ISLAND (010-027)

ANDREA K.
(RI-M1771-K1934-83)
5'10", 170, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynous. Interested in Sci-Fi, investing, metaphysics, part-time computer buff, dressing up full time as a woman. I want to meet other TV/CD/TSs and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup and being known and treated as a woman.

MARYBETH COOPER
(RI-M3744-K8198-81)
SWM CD, late 30s. Coming to terms with my other self. Need support and encouragement from other CDs. Seeking understanding, supportive GG for relationship. Would like to hear from you!

ALISON YOUNG
(RI-P-M4650-K10273-82)
Member TCNE. Just remember, life could be worse. Shauna, where are you?

VANESSA MURRAY
(RI-M4696-K10385-78)
48-year-old M CD in a wonderful relationship with enthusiastic lady. Mgr. of book sales for IFGE. Stop in to America's first transgender bookstore so we can meet and chat. My spouse and I send you peace and love.

PATRICIA LYNN ROSS
(RI-P-M5499-K3302-80)
M2F pre-op TS. Living and working full time as Patricia for over a year. Love people, will help others with transition.

KAREN REEVES
(RI-M6315-K4051-81)
SWM, TV, 5'7", 120, shoulder-length hair. I love being Karen. Fortunately, very passable and go out often. Desire relationship with understanding tall GG. Let's share wardrobe, better yet, switch clothes and gender roles! Also, M-F TS. Love to answer all!!

KENDRA G.
(RI-P-M6165-K13549-80)
Bi-CD, 36, 5'9", 145, divorced (5 yrs) single, strong TS feelings at times. I love the classic Vargas girl look. I would like to meet another bi-CD or TS to establish solid friendship evolving into a long term relationship.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)

A. M. GREENE
(NH-M0731-K0277-99)
Post-op, new-woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly-dancing & all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS Confidential Magazine*. We need cover girls.

SHERI SERENA P.
(NH-M5661-K9902-82)
45, hetero. I'm still in the closet even though I have been wearing women's clothes since age twelve. I put on my first slip, bra & nylons then, & always loved shiny, wet-look type clothes. Thanks for understanding. Would like to correspond with someone.

TIFFANY MARIE S.
(NH-M6175-K13561-80)
DWM hetero CD, 33, 601 200 still losing. I enjoy wearing short skirts, high heels and dressing up. Have been crossdressing since early teens. My goal is to develop so I might pass as a female in public. Would like to hear from other CDs for tips and friendship.

LISA MICHELLE M.
(NH-P-M6167-K13550-80)
SGM, 30s, TS tendencies. A female inside since birth. Enjoy theater, nature, music, shopping, history, and art. Would welcome friendships with others in S NH and E MA areas. Also looking for Mr. Right. Will answer all.

MAINE (038-047)

JEAN VERMETTE
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-81)
Member Transupport, divorced pre-op TS, 42, 5'8", 127, 12, dressing since age 3, out since October 1992. Vegetarian. Don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined, on speaker's bureau. Interested in Transcendental Meditation, theater, creative writing, nature day trips, fine arts, interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, correspondence.

CYNTHIA T.
(ME-P-M5121-K11173-81)
5'7, MWM, bi-curious, homemaker, children. Wife accepts, but neither understands nor supports. Ready to embrace my natural tendencies. Request help to realize potential. Interested in cooking, wine, photography, music, cars, movies, fetishes, creative role playing. Would love to host TG women, build friendships, learn the art of passing.

VERMONT (050-059)

JOAN MARIE L.
(VT-M0528-K0340-87)
SWM, hetero CD, 40, 6', full-figured. Love to shop for music. Like cooking, Sci-Fi fantasy, & travel. Real passion for lingerie, esp. bras, panties, teddies, slips, girdles, hosiery & heels. Wish to correspond with TGs.

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-81)
Mbr Sunshine Club. Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the NE who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are.

CLARISSA LYNN MICHAELS
(VT-M4760-P10702-82)
MWM. 51! My wife of 25+ years is genuinely supportive and comfortable with all. I've been dressing with varied intensity since early teens. Not very passable, but enjoy getting and being dressed. Looking for sisters to share and visit with. Confidentiality assured. Will answer all.

STEPHANIE WALTERS
(VT-M5662-K2941-81)
Married. Wife not supportive. Get out as Stephanie, but not passable. Will write back if written to.

SARAH CARPENTER
(VT-M5678-K12536-81)
TS, tall, middle-aged, married, out 3 years. Like to dress as a professional woman. Love dining out and shopping. Happy as a female. Unhappy as a male. Nonsupportive wife. Will correspond.

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-80)
SWM, quiet, understanding. Live alone. Member ConnView, COS, Transgender and Tapestry. Enjoy being en femme, meeting TVs, men, females for parties, going out. Lifetime CD. Very comfortable with myself. Would appreciate photo which I will return with first letter.

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-83)
Married, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. Like to develop friendships in the TG community, & welcome correspondence.

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-86)
Mbr Tiffany Club, COS. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair. Quiet & sincere. Enjoy cross-country skiing, music, theater, & travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine CDs for correspondence or get-togethers.

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-82)
Mbr COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, late 40s. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. Been dressing fully since early 20s. Attended First Event '95 & '96. Look forward to future gatherings and helping others.

SAMARA F.
(CT-M3587-K7565-80)
Tall (very) out of practice CD returning to action after years of wishing. Now divorced, rapidly losing weight. Love TV fiction. Want to correspond, meet new friends. Liberal in most ways, but no drugs. All letters will be answered.

STACI H.
(CT-P-M4520-K4199-81)
Mbr COS, 45-year-old girl-at-heart. I try to let the female inside of me out as often as possible. Passing is my passion. I love to learn new makeup techniques and experiment with my appearance.

DONNA RUSSO
(CT-P-M6006-K7591-83)
SW TV 39, 5'9", 190, brown eyes, blond hair, Italian. Like fishing, motorcycle riding, romantic times. Looking for single, blue collar, Spanish, Haitian, Puerto Rican or W male, 5'8" or taller, 30-42. Must be serious. Please send photo.

BOB P.
(CT-M6099-K0855-83)
Admirer who likes feminine, sensual TV/TSs. Am slender, athletic, attractive, Ivy-educated and fun. Live alone in quiet residence in lower Fairfield County. Your note will get my phone. Let's chat and meet.

NEW JERSY (070-088)

SUZIE M.
(NJ-M0686-K0419-83)
MWM, early 50s, bi-CD, 6'1", 180. Dressing since childhood. Love wearing lingerie, heels, hose and short skirts. SO not supportive. Would like to correspond and meet with other TV/TS/CDs. Please send photo. Will reply to all.

PAMELA G.
(NJ-RP-M3070-K5682-81)
Mbr Tri-Ess. MWM, 22T. SO knows but doesn't want to meet her, which leaves me in need of one-on-one help with fashion, makeup, etc. Would like to hear from TG/GG from Bergen Cnty. Will answer all.

BABS C.
(NJ-P-M3219-K6211-85)
Member MOTG, Renaissance, Imperial Queens, Secretary of GNYGA. Married with loving sup-

portive wife. Enjoy fine art, music, standardbred horses, tennis and writing. Travel to NYC, New Hope, Poconos, Aycee and Florida en femme. Meet other TG couples for dinner, clubs, shopping and serious talk.

DONNA R.
(NJ-M3270-K4353-81)
WM, 5'10". Interested in establishing friendships and correspondence. Love clothes, dressing, particularly lingerie and TV literature.

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-82)
Mbr Renaissance. TCNE First Event '93, 4, 5, 6. Attend other events each year. Attractive & feminine when dressed. Open-minded. Wish to meet TGs for friendship & socializing. Photo appreciated.

DENISE S.
(NJ-P-M3342-K6611-80)
Females or males. On hormones many years. Love photography, modeling and shopping. Desire to work as Denise when possible. Open to being more of a woman. Enjoy fashions and videos.

JANE T.
(NJ-M3487-K7209-82)
55-year-old white, hetero, rubber-loving TV. Interested in corresponding with others of all interests. The closet filled with *her* rubber wardrobe is not a bad place, as long as you like yourself. Your picture gets mine. Will answer all.

ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-M3637-K7810-80)
Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of closets, & to help the TGs legally & socially. Want to network with those with similar goals.

BRANDY LEE
(NJ-P-M5491-K10141-80))
Although male by birth, I am female by nature and love being a woman. I seek a slender M2F TG with long hair, age range 18-35. Let's explore our female selves together.

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-85)
Mbr of Renaissance. Attend many events. 5'9", 155 lb., very smooth, SWM TV, live alone, mature professional. Only hobby is being feminine. Love to entertain & share girl things. Love going out to have fun. I correspond lots & answer all sooner or later. Pictures help.

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-80))
MWM, hetero, 6'1", 200, blue eyes. SO has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which hurts. Crossdressed since age five with mom's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed as the person I want to be. Will answer all. Photo nice.

CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-P-M4245-K9528-80))
Member: IFGE(Supp.), Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho(Pres.), Editor of 'News Briefs' Renaissance, AEGIS, Pres. of Greater New York Gender Alliance. Attended '94 Holiday En Femme. Married, hetero, 52, 5'8", 170, supportive wife and three daughters. Dressing since a very tender age. Enjoy going to cultural events, concerts, dinner and, of course, shopping. Used to correspond extensively, but increased responsibilities have slowed replies to almost a complete stop.

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-P-M4719-K10436-86)
Just recently came out & loving every minute. 5'6", 140. Like photography & music. Want to help sisters with photos. Love being a girl & look forward to meeting other girls like me. Want to hear from you.

JAKE L.
(NJ-P-M4993-K10734-84)
Romantic, educated, professional gentleman, 30s, 6', 180, admirer. Seek caring friendship with TS or feminine TG person 21-45. Understanding and supportive of gender issues. Enjoy shopping, fun times & cozy nights. Travel extensively.

JILL ANGELIQUE JARIS
(NJ-P-M5817-K10072-82)
40-year-old TG. Plan to have legal name change and begin to live full time as a woman sometime in 1997. Love to receive mail from TV/TS/TG sisters. Will answer all.

NANCY F.
(NJ-P-M6219-K13727-81)
MWM, 50, 5'8". Mbr: IFGE, CDI, Tri-Ess. Love dressing up, dining out, Broadway shows, fishing, hunting. I love lingerie, hose, high heels, and felling feminine. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship. Pleas write and include your photo.

NEW YORK (090-149)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-99)
Mbr Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically & culturally oriented. Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence.

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K555-84)
Mbr Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together.

Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, & being outdoors. I love the fun part of the scene, derive a lot of pleasure from it.

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-83)
46-y/o CD, attorney, divorced, but recently (re)married a beautiful and supportive lady who gives Vickie emotional support and fashion assistance. Vickie also enjoys songwriting, plays guitar and bass, loves country music. Member LIFE, former member Chi Delta Mu. Former Editor *LIFElines*. Other commitments keep me from being as active as I'd like at the present time.

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-82)
SWM, 5'10", 185, 54. Interested in outdoors, reading and fishing. Love the total feminine look. Trying to pass. Interested in corresponding and meeting all, especially in southern tier NY, NE PA. Discreet.

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-86)
I am beautiful for I am me. I am Victoria & I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine & am very proud. Class & dignity are my life & tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . . of mind . . . of spirit . . .

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-84)
Mbr of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. Donahue Show, National Gender Lobby Day '95, TG facilitator LGBT Conference '96 at SUNY Albany, graduate student/writer/LGBT activist. Love music, comedy and my softer side.

ROBYN LATHROP
(NY-P-M2361-K3078-82)
Trying to accept that femininity is an important part of my life. I'd like to hear from people who have successfully blended in as women. Would like to learn about the teenage and childhood experiences of others, too.

JENNIFER B.
(NY-P-M2441-K3429-83)
MWM with supportive wife, member Eulenspiegel Society. Seek meetings and correspondence with TV/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Interested in psychology, metaphysics and fashions. Would love to hear from you.

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-82)
SWM, hetero CD. Enjoy the prissy feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, & party dresses. Still looking for one understanding gender woman in my life.

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-80))
MWM, 5'6", size 10, supportive SO. Enjoy shopping, correspondence, photo exchange. "Joy is where the inner femininity finds expression in the outside world."

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-P-M2974-K5110-82)
5'13" single businesswoman. TG. 49 and going into holding. Officer Buffalo Belles. Happy to help new comers into our world. Interested in CD/TS gold tournament summer '97. Any other hackers out there?

BRENDA VEE
(LI NY-P-M3089-K595-808)
Mbr: LIFE/B of D. Outreach Drctr, Fantasia Fair '93, '94, '95. SWTG, 45. Sensitive to the TG community & feel bond to all. Striving for personal best. Supportive SO. Like cooking, dining, fashion & makeup, pen pals & sincere, open-minded people. Love to help new people.

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-81)
Hi! Enjoying the transgender world out and about. Married and making it all work. (Lucky!) Like to meet everybody. Be proud. Keep your chin up and your nails polished. Have a great day.

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-87)
TG, 50ish, 5'10", 170, computer teacher. Tri-Ess, Chi Delta MU. Love to dress and shop and have been going in public locally the past three years without incident. Love to correspond with sisters and interested in meeting gals who live in the Westchester, NY area.

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-80)
Single, 50, 5'7", 175, hetero. Interested in finding female friends; men for dating and TS companionship. Currently on hormones. Kind of shy and need support to move on in my TS life. I like mostly everything and want to have fun, but not anything sexual. Will answer all gladly with photo, please.

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-86)
Member COS. MWM, 6'2", 44, hetero CD. I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive.

CLAUDIA T.
(NY-P-M4875-K9887-82)
SWM, 33, 6'1"+, CD, Ru Paul wannabe. Closeted but doing my best to become more involved with the network. Into everything femme, but we have got to be discreet. No smut, please.

CHRISSY S.
(NY-P-M5195-K11530-82)
SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 47, engineer. Enjoy travel, theater, electronics, fashion and shopping. Outgoing with great sense of humor, but very discreet about crossdressing. Prefer the professional career-girl look and the very feminine look. Interested in meeting women from NYC area for friendship/relationship.

CINDY P.
(NY-M5198-K11532-81)
Submissive pre-op TS, 43, 6', 160, blonde hair, blue eyes. Seek dominant TV/TG/TS for friendship, possibly more. Include sexy letter and photo.

CHRISSIE YORK
(NY-P-M5212-K11564-82)
Member CD Network. WM CD, 5'5", 160. Interested in dressing clubs. Red hair. Can pass. Looking for an understanding female & other TG. I will write back. Lifetime CD.

ANGEL L.
(NY-M5222-K4611-85)
SWF, caring, pretty, funny, honest (30s), marriage/friendship-minded, monogamous, moralistic, romantic, spiritual, understanding. Seek same: hetero SWM, CD, 30s, (NO smoke/drink/drugs/promiscuity) even-tempered, non-abusive, 5, 6. Love comedy, culture, dining, fifties, fun, music, theater, etc.

TERI SHANNON
(NY-P-M5339-K5768-82)
Single, sane lovable, young for 40s, pre-op M-FTS with vivid imagination seeks Mr. Right for romantic candle-lit evenings, possibly longer. Well built 30-40s gentleman must appreciate unbridled femininity and support my quest to lose remaining inhibitions. Shapely, 5'10", 165. Not a good correspondent, will travel northern NY. Photo appreciated.

JUDY M.
(NY-M5594-K12374-81)
MWM mature CD who wishes to remain in the closet. Interested in acting out fantasies including soft bondage and role playing.

CLEO JONES
(NY-P-M5376-K2860-83)
MWM, hetero, 60+, 5'9". Mbr Buffalo Belles. Rochester CD Network. Crossdressing since childhood. Wife negative and unaware of my TV life. Love to dress and be feminine. Looking for someone in my area for conversation. Can't afford separate apartment for Cleo. Will answer letters.

FRANCINE P.
(NY-P-M5622-K10729-80)
CD/TV, slender, 5'11", 160. Member TIC, TGN, attended Spring Fling. Love nature, reading, art, music, housekeeping, skiing, cycling, progressive politics, conversation. ISO strong, assertive woman over 50, 5'11"+ (if possible) for monogamous role-reversed relationship. All letters answered.

CHRISTY-LYNN B.
(NY-P-M5738-K12693-81)
MWM, 42, 5'7", 130. Slim TV who luxuriates in femme side. Interested in meeting sincere TV/CDs who like quiet evenings, good conversation or socializing with other sisters. Love art, music and just having fun in life. Starting electrolysis. Some travel. Send photo with letter.

DEBBIE F.
(NY-P-M5798-K6076-82)
Mbr TGIC in Albany. Interested in friendship or possible relationship. Would like to talk or correspond. I'm 43, big and easy going. Like trains, car racing, and videotaping nature and other interesting events.

WENDI R.
(NY-P-M5816-K0336-86)
45, 5'8", hetero CD 150, 36-29-38. Closet CD, love to come out, but wife will not understand. Love everything feminine. CD since 12 years old. Love to pass, but I don't think I can. Shy, discreet.

L.W.
(NY-M5936-K3917-82)
This is a healthy, active person (M/67) interested in a CD friendship with either F2M or M2F. The sole purpose is to enjoy travel, particularly cruise travel, and most all functions on appropriately enjoyed basis. Regardless of whether F2M or M2F, I could contribute in a positive and helpful manner.

STEPHANIE S.
(NY-P-M5997-K12955-83)
DWM, TV, 46 (feel 33 when dressed and out), 132, 5'8", energetic, adventurous, pass well, enjoy shopping, outdoors, restaurants and festivals as Stephanie. So relaxing! Interested in writing to and meeting other TVs who go out, and genetic females. Will answer all. Photo appreciated.

ANA HUNT
(NY-P-M6041-K13138-83)
Biological female using makeup, clothes to facilitate M-F and F-M CD since early '70s. Member of leather community versed in roleplay, fetish. A respected domina for correspondence and professional training. Individuals, couples. New York and California.

DIANE DEVERE
NY-P-M6240-K13802-81)
DWM, CD 5'11", 39. Author and full time student. Mbr LIFE. Interests include psychology, paganism, mythology, shamanism, fitness, astronomy, transgenderism. New to the scene. Looking for supportive, open-minded sisters fro friendship and correspondence.

MICHELE W.
(NY-P-M6291-K14032-81)
TS on hormones almost a year. 6', 155. Interested in shopping, dining out, travel and staying fit. Enjoy dating tall men who know how to treat a woman. Will answer all letters. Photo if possible.

SHARON KANE
(NY-P-M6338-K0580-83)
DWM, 48, 5'8", 145, Albany area. Love to dress in sexy lingerie, pretty dresses, gowns and high heels. Then take photos of myself. Also have fetish for fashion magazines like *Glamour*. Would like to correspond with CDs, and understanding women for friendship. I miss female companionship.

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-99)
Co-Founder, past National Director Renaissance. Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '94, '95, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92. Mbr of AEGIS Board of Directors. Trinity Award 1994. Interested in Native American traditions & community building as related to transgenderism. Love fine dining, good wine, art, crafts, antiques, theatre & travel.

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-82)
SWM hetero CD. Enjoy dressing in full petticoats & square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter.

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-87)
MWM, 40-something. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses and high heels. Married to an accepting and helpful wife. Would like to hear from other married couples concerning CD relationships.

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-83)
5'11", 165, CD with strong TS tendencies. Now 40-something. I paint, play guitar and am struggling with computers. I enjoy jazz and rock, and occasionally classical music. I am a poor correspondent due to my heavy schedule.

JENNY W.
(PA-P-M2891-K4869-80)
Single CD, 34, 5'6", 140. Passing & feeling wonderful in Philadelphia. Professional, fun & outgoing with diversified interests. Would love to hear from all sincere, especially an understanding female for friendship/relationship. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(NY-M3388-K6832-86)
Hetero CD, mature lady, committed to enjoying the feminine feelings that were left unfulfilled earlier. Enjoy photography and sailing. First memory crossdressed at 3 years. Now on line. Your e-mail address for mine. Home page under construction. Like chat rooms.

DIANE DALE
(PA-P-M4229-K7136-80)
Member Renaissance, attend Paradise in the Poconos; MWM, hetero. Enjoy music, photography, shopping, aviation, and clubbing. Wife tolerant but not participating. Have a relatively normal life-style. Dress only a few times a year. Love to have fun, but nothing too extreme. Will answer all.

D. MCKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-81)
Mbr Tri-Ess. 5'11', 145, 10. Presentable, single, progressive, hetero 'Dresser,' organizer of Travelers Express, a central PA group of confident out folks in 100% public places. NOT cross or trans. GGs always welcome. Femme photo gets response. Accept and enjoy who you are without shame.

ERICA EDWARDS
(PA-P-M4505-K9143-81)
Mbr Renaissance. CD, 6', 180, 12/14. Want letter/meeting others who appreciate the finer things in life. Enjoy shopping, dining & good conversation. Still working on Erica, her image is now that of a stylish sophisticated woman. Let's talk.

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-82)
SW M-F hetero CD, 5'10", 260, Mbr TCNE. Like to help hetero F2M CDs discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ. Helps if you like Japanese & Chinese cuisine.

BARBARA D.
(PA-P-M5151-K9319-82)
DWM, 30s, tall, thin, hetero TV. Love fashion & modeling. Enjoy the challenge & magic when the clothes, accessories & makeup form a convincing transformation. My interests include music, art, cooking & fitness. Would like to hear from accepting females and other TV/TSs.

ELLEN S.
(PA-P-M5319-K11011-82)
SWM, 46, Bi-TV. Been crossdressing since my teens. Like to be out of the closet more, but fear I would not pass. Like to write & meet other TV/TS/CDs for friendship or relationship. Love wigs, makeup & being feminine. Discreet. Will try to answer all.

ROBIN LYNN
(PA-P-M5822-K9226-82)
40, Bi-CD with TS possibility, blonde, blue eyes. Love to dress to impress. Been out one year; loving it! Drink, smoke, party. Wish to meet CD/TS/GG, select males, clean and discreet. Only go around once, so let's do as we wish. Love. Photo nice.

JAMIE LYNN
(PA-P-M5944-K12969-83)
Single, pre-op TS, 40s, 5'10", 150. Looking for special friendship. Love the arts and all things feminine. Enjoy art museums and disco clubs. Can travel northern MD, DE, eastern and central PA. Response limited to GGs and other TGs.

JEAN STEWART
(PA-M6340-K14301-81)
Genetic girl, hetero, 34, 135, 5'6". I'd like to correspond with a CD male for mutual understanding of our feminine selves and to develop a close, loyal, trusting friendship which could grow into long-term, intimate, proven relationship. I need genuine, open, honest sincerity and mutual respect.

DELAWARE (197-199)

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-86)
Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. To all who have written, please forgive me; I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people from each organization. I hope and pray that I can be and have been of some help to others.

BRENDA LYNN GRAY
(DE-P-M5215-K2009-82)
Single CD, 5'7", sz 8. Mbr Renaissance. Comfortable with my male & fem self. Love going out dressed. Enjoy making friends. Like to hear from sisters. Photo appreciated.

ELIZABETH C.
(DE-P-M5733-K12679-85)
MWM, 38, 6', 175. Have been crossdressing for 10+ years. Wife very supportive. Looking for other married or single CDs to be friends with and go out socially. Enjoy boating, model railroading and sexy clothing. All answered.

WASHINGTON DC

SHEILA B.
(DC-M3810-K7721-81)
Meet me in the closet, that's where the clothes are. Lifelong crossdresser and lingerie lover wishes to encounter her mirror image: a married bi-TV interested in a confidential and mutually satisfying friendship.

MARYLAND (026-218)

DIANNE FERN
(MD-P-M2229-K2673-82)
A mature TV with great interest in the transgendered life-style. Wife is very supportive. Enjoy jazz, walks on the beach, fireside talks, and small social get-togethers. Dress often. Wish to share gender euphoria with sisters and others who have an interest in our life-style.

ANN MILLER
(MD-M2776-K4606-82)
45-year-old CD, TS wannabe, friendly, affectionate, passable on a good day. Available for. . . I don't know. I'd like to hear from soul mates of like mind. Photo, please.

STEPHANIE G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-81)
Lifelong TV-TG fetishist. Have extensive library which I've maintained for 28 years: TV-TS material. Married with understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!

RENE REYNOLDS
(MD-P-M4191-K8579-82)
34 years young and very active. Interests include Rollerblading, hiking, scuba, music, and, of course, shopping. I am passionately searching for an accepting GG or TS for a lifetime relationship.

KATHERINE HUNT
(MD-M4905-K10858-80)
MWM, mature tall bi-CD. SO not completely understanding of CD lifestyle. However, I love every minute of my other life. Interests are stock market, golf, history and the outdoors. Also, lingerie and all that is feminine. Would love to hear from other CDs in the MD/DC area.

PAULA D.
(MD-M5543-K11918-80)
Crossdresser, 43 years old, 5'11", 170#. Widowed with three-year-old son. Like a butterfly emerging from my cocoon and loving life. Love to shop, watch movies, nature walks, personal development. No problem with going out or staying in. ISO correspondents and friendship. The truth will set us free.

TOM D.
(MD-M5750-K12704-81)
TV from early childhood. I enjoy all that is feminine. Age 64, pass for early 50s. Onto yachting, fishing and enjoying people. Looking for other TVs

and women in the surrounding states. Will answer all.

MARK O.
(MD-M6131-K13441-80)
DWM, 40s, 5'10", 165, light brown, blue, mustache. Am considered handsome, honest, supportive and love auto racing, fine dining, the theatre and my own home. If you are TV or TS & would like to date me, hopefully LTR, please write. Photos appreciated.

VIRGINIA (220-246)

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-82)
Mbr of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. Enjoy meeting, corresponding with TVs.

JAYNE MACK
(VA-M1206-K0748-80)
WM, bi, 50s. Feminine side been closeted too long. Now eager to learn and experience all. Would love to hear from sisters, women and men who can help. Love books, writing, jazz, computers and sexy lingerie.

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-81)
40, 6', 190, green eyes. Interested in photography, exchanging photos. Try to be a good correspondent, not always successful. Enjoy meeting others. Always trying to be better. Advice welcome.

KIMBERLY C.
(NVA-P-M2300-K2981-82)
TG. Have been crossdressing for 40 years. Last attended Southern Comfort 1994. Mbr Virginia's Secret, TGEA. Will exchange experiences of coming out to family & business associates. Will answer all.

HEIDI ANN COBART
(VA-P-M2522-K3686-80)
New to Richmond, Va. Very feminine and passable, very bi-curious. Submissive, seeking dominant playmate. Would love to hear from passable TV/TSs and bi-GGs. Very sensitive and discreet. Let's explore the possibilities!

DIANA AUSTIN
(VA-P-M3283-K6478-82)
I enjoy my life! Outgoing, sophisticated, unpretentious, and fun-loving describes me. Do you like fashion, art, theater, fine wine and being yourself? Yes! Well then, write to me and tell me more. I enjoy corresponding with sincere, intelligent people.

DON C.
(VA-M4284-K1425-80)
AM, 5'9", 168, desire to meet personable TV/TS for friendship, etc. Travel mid-Atlantic region from VA to NY regularly. Photo/phone desired. Discretion assured. Let's meet and enjoy life.

DANIELLE MEADOWS
(VA-P-M5455-K10619-83)
I'm 5'8", 133, TS in lifelong transition, looking for lifelong friendships. We are spiritual people, too! To be who we are, to become all that we are capable of becoming is a worthwhile goal for all transgendered.

GWENDOLYN D.
(VA-P-M5553-K5080-80)
MGM-TV interested in drag shows and joining a TV/TS support group. 23- years -old, 155#. Would like to meet FIs to help me with getting into the drag performance business. Photos exchanged. Love to write.

SEANNA HIDEGARD
(VA-M5956-K8518-86)
Married CD, hetero, non-approving wife. Would like to be in touch with others in my area in same circumstances. Love lingerie most. Very closeted.

JUNE GRILLS
(VA-M6124-K13407-83)
MWM CD, 60, 5'11", size 14-16. Retired, exploring feminine side. Hobbies are sailing and classic cars. Passion is crossdressing and all things feminine. Want to correspond with and meet others to share girl things. All letters answered promptly.

WESTVIRGINIA (246-268)

STEVIE LYNN
(WV-P-M5769-K12733-82)
Single CD, TS tendencies, 40s, 5'9", 162. Pass fairly well. Television engineer, rock singer, song-writer, musician. (Rabid Stevie Nicks fan.) Small home studio. Several gender songs. Trying for mainstream music success as a woman. Need help with feminine singing voice. Speaking voice okay. Know any record producers?

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

FRANCES T.
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-82)
Mbr TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines & dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent.

RACHEL M.
(NC-M2272-K2848-80)
Continue to thrill at the joy of dressing. Never been out. Still too intimidated to share with the world. Wife knows and supports me because I have become more comfortable. Would love to share with you. I promise to write back.

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-P-M4235-K9428-80)
This Carolina girl Adores everything about being a lady. Enjoy sending letters & photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, & proud to be a part of it. Being Pamela is not something I do, it is a part of who I am. Write soon!

A.G.
(NC-M5485-K12085-80)
WM, 38, 5'11" 170#. Seek feminine, passable TV/TS for friendship and possible relationship in NC. Educated professional desires that special someone who wants to be totally treated as a lady. Willing to host. Photo phone gets reply.

RACHEL K.
(NC-P-M6214-K13714-81)
SWM CD, 5'10" 170. Love dressing and sexy lingerie. Would love to meet sisters in the triangle area or surrounding states. Will respond to all. Can travel.

RANDI P.
(NC-P-M6311-K14133-81)
SWM lesbian CD, very soft and femme. 5'8", 120, long hair, blue eyes, many interests. Seek female, TS or passable CD to relocate with me for lasting love. Prefer my height or smaller. Letter, photo, must. Let's meet.

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

BOBBI ANN B.
(SC-M2874-K4857-80)
WM, hetero CD. Looking to get out of the closet. Love everything feminine: hose, heels, etc. Need someone to help push me out of closet, but be helpful also. CD since 12. Dress at home. Girls, this girl needs help!

TRISH J.
(SC-M4698-K9264-82)
MWM TV, 36, 190, 5'10", size 16. Seeking others in upper SC or western NC. Would love to write, talk & maybe meet other sisters. Dressing since early teens. Wife supportive and understands my need to be me. Working on that passing thing we all worry about.

GEORGIA (300-319)

STEPHANIE COX
(GA-M5122-K9875-81)
43, open-minded, open heart, massage therapist and herbalist. Coming out and gaining strength by doing so. Supportive family and friends. Deeply spiritual., Love classical piano, jazz, Tai Chi, botany, gardening.

CINDY COLLINS
(GA-P-M5993-K4470-83)
Divorced. CD since age 5. Dress completely as a woman every night. Exclusively wear dress with appropriate lingerie, Silk Reflections pantyhose and high heels. Makeup by Channel and Estee Lauder, jewelry by Channel.

FLORIDA (320-340)

VANESSA S.
(FL-M1178-K0919-80)
WM TV, 55. Crossdresser all my life. Do not pass. Adore everything feminine, especially heels, wigs and elegant evening wear. Published author of TV fiction. Collect books, videos, magazines and everything available on this most beautiful ofall hobbies.

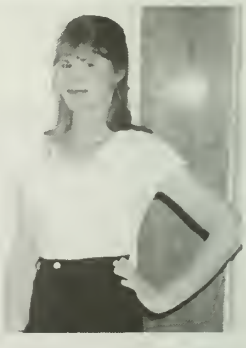
PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-81)
Member Tau Lambda, IFGE, AEGIS. Married, 6'2", 190, 41. Feel like life is just beginning. I am working hard to understand where I am going on this glorious gender journey. Interested in hearing from others in the N FL/S GA area.

JEAN RICH
(FL-P-M2824-K4690-86)
Lecturer, star of stage shows, HBO special, All dressed and nowhere to go. Look forward to meeting people interested in photography, stocks, travel and dancing. Hetero, 5'8". Send photo for return response.

DIANE WHITE
(FL-P-M4025-K5217-80)
TS on hold. Mbr MOTG. Fun, enjoyable, dateable. Let's party. 60, slim figure, size 9, nice legs. Love dressing stylishly, youthful and provocatively. Spike heels, tight skirts and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Fantastic! Let's chat. Love corresponding. All answered.

DAWN ELIZABETH E.
(FL-P-M5353-K2034-82)
Would enjoy hearing from other TS girls in S FL. In transition and would like to have a friend to guide me. Will answer all promptly!

NANCY McDERMOTT
(FL-P-M5456-K10695-83)
MWM, hetero TV, wife knows. Want to write/visit like-minded TGs/couples. Can travel state. Contemporary dresser, average looks. Will answer all & would like to be a woman with you & will share costs. I don't drink/drug/smoke.



SAMANTHA B.
(FL-P-M5606-K3630-80)
Post-op November '96. Seeking a feminine, passable M2F TS (non-, pre- or post-op). Must be full time. Request photo from those interested. Please provide personal data on yourself. I'm 5'9", 135, 35 years old.

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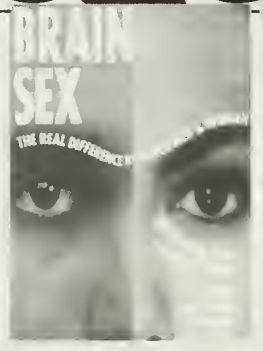

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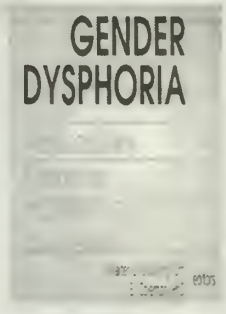

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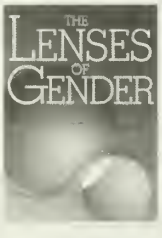

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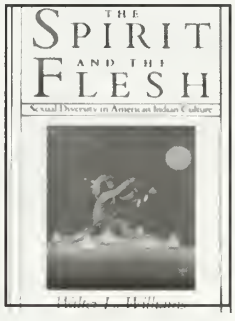

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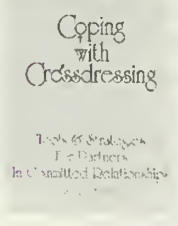

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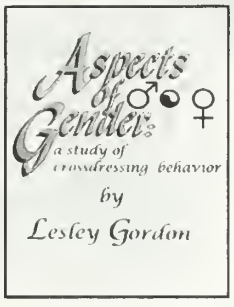

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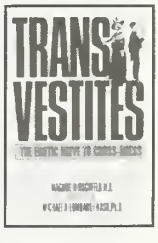

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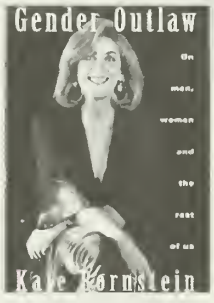

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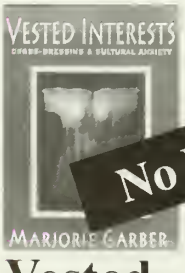

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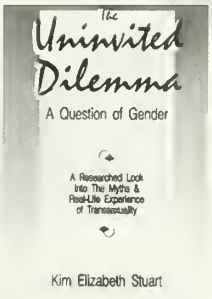

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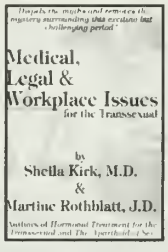

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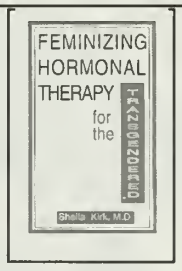

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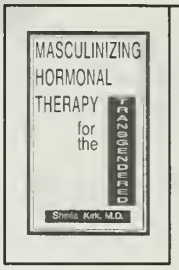

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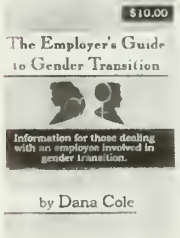

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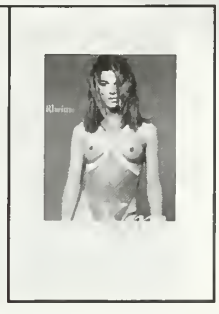

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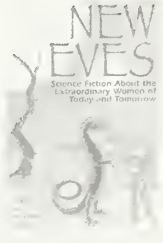

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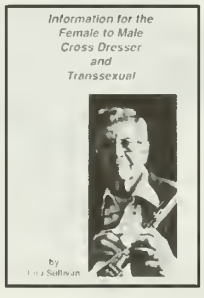

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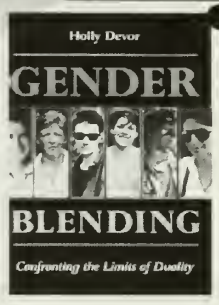

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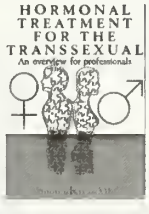

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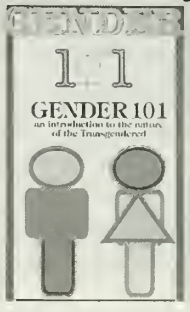

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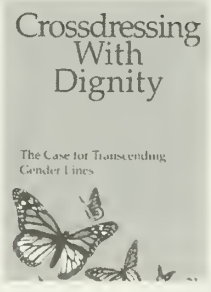

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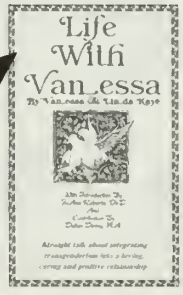

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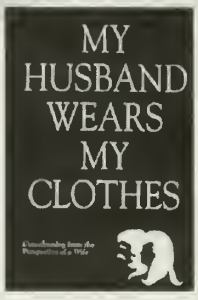

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(FL-P-M5723-K12668-81)
M bi-TV, 30s, 5'11", 150, size 12, drink, smoke, party. Seeking local friends with similar interests and correspondence with all interested in bi-TV life-style. Don't be shy!

MICHELLE SHARP
(FL-P-M5756-K12724-81)
SWM bi, 50, CD since childhood. Honest, discreet, playful adventuress. Adore femininity. Interested in music SCUBA, plants, friends, conversation and laughter. Wish to meet, converse and/or correspond with TV/TS, men or women with inquisitive minds and playful spirits.

ALABAMA (350-369)

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-80)
Member of Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, 2, 3. DWM, 61, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservations. Semiretired. Can travel at will.

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-P-M4764-K10766-82)
DWM, early 50s (feel much younger!), 5'8", 140, teacher, author. Coastal Alabama. Love partying, all kinds of dancing (especially being led), reading, movies, travel, dressing nicely, meeting new people, having new adventures, receiving and answering letters. Love being a woman. I answer all letters.

HOLLY GRANT
(AL-P-M5952-K3305-83)
Late 40s, Tri-Ess, wife recently learned and is struggling with it, people watcher (they're a giggle). No television so plenty of time to write. Love to get mail from all types and from all over. What's on your mind?

JOANNA NOELLE
(AL-P-M6164-K8967-80)
DWM, bi-CD. 50+, 5'11", 170. Been dressing forever, recently out. Gulf Coast, Alabama. Hobbies: music, reading, and, of course, dressing. Very discreet. Wish to find cute, playful TV/TS for fun and men or women for dates.

TENNESSEE (370-384)

JAMIE CORNETT
(TN-P-M2335-K3037-80)
Sbi-CD, 5'11", 145. Love being a redhead & en femme. Understanding and open-minded. Will answer all. Request photo.

MARILYN M.
(TN-P-M5160-K11336-80)
I would rather be a mender than a hinder. **(Sweet TS)**
I would cook a fine dinner not a cinder. **(5'11"-170)**
I am one of the most tender being a bender. **(brn/grn)**
My style, I easily render as a blender. **(happy lady)**
There is no finer splendor than transgender. **(Hi Vals)**

TONI ALEXANDRA EVOLA
(TN-P-M6102-K6120-83)
Pre-op M2F TS, 25, 5'9", 135, brown/brown. Mbr IFGE. Degreed professional, working in the health care industry. Interests include the arts, travel, fashion, culture, and writing. Seeking long-term relationship with pre-/post-op TS possessing qualities. Request photo and letter.

JULIE O.
(TN-P-M6161-K10651-80)
18-year-old way pre-op TS. Enjoy being out and about as groovy chic. Interests include movie special effects and playing saxophone. Would love correspondence with other TV/TSs. Nice to know I'm not the only weirdo on earth. Farewell.

LORA M.
(TN-P-M6162-K3579-80)
CD, TG, 40, blond, green eyes, 6'. Enjoy everything feminine, hair, makeup, clothes, lingerie, dining out, movies, going out and having fun. I would like to meet women, CDs, TSs and men in my area for friendship. No nude photos, please.

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-83)
Mbr of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, hetero, 41. Like being a

woman & meeting women & CDs in MS. Love going to restaurants, movies, & shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?

MELANIE CUEVAS
(MS-P-M4218-K7363-83)
6'4", 205, MWM, hetero CD. Interests: playing guitar, shopping, reading. Wife supportive at home; still in closet, passable. Quiet and sincere. Would love to correspond and possibly meet others in MS. Please send picture. Will answer all.

KENTUCKY (403-427)

JUKUE R.
(KY-MI992-K2494-80)
Love to hear from all.

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M200I-K0965-99)
Mbr Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. Been in public for years, & understand self & others well. Wife & children know, understand & love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life.

MARY ANNE WILLIAMS
(KY-P-M5525-K12I97-84)
Late 40s. Only recently began giving in to my female feelings. Oh, such sweet surrender! Wonderful, supportive wife. Desperately want to pass. Much to learn. Would like to get to know other KY girls. Interests: acting, transcendental meditation, rock 'n' roll.

CINDY LEE
(KY-P-M5674-K12524-8I)
Mbr StLGS. Attended Be All '96. MWM, 6', 155. Love being Cindy, and all things feminine. Enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TSs.

RACHEL MARIET.
(KY-M6063-KI32I8-83)
MWM CD, mid-50s. Recent widower, CD as long as I can remember. Would like to join a TG community. Maybe I can help in some way.

OHIO (434-457)

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-KI0I6-83)
Retired, living in small town. Interested in senior citizens pre-op or post-op. Willing to help novice. On hormones and coming out of the closet.

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S-OH-P-M0954-KI005-8I)
Mbr Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, & Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an A wife. An original organizer of Paradise. I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, girl talk, & picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40s.

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-80)
Divorced, hetero CD, 6', 185. Mbr Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Enjoy fishing, camping, & old movies. Dress anytime I can, absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area & feel alone & frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet.

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-P-M2150-K2546-82)
Live in NW Ohio. Mbr Glass City Sisters, Toledo; Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess. Married CD to supportive wife. 58, 5'7", 176. Attended Riverside '94/5. Pass easily. Go en femme. Doing things other women do. Will answer all. Honest and sincere. Offer support and fellowship.

DIANE M.
(OH-P-M2212-K2660-8I)
SWM, 4I, tall, thin, shy, hetero TV with very strong TS tendencies. Love everything about being a woman. Would like to correspond with other TSs, pre- or post-op, and genetic females for help with my femininity.

LAURA A. SIMS
(OH-P-M3956-K6882-82)
DWM, mbr Cincinnati CrossPort, Atlanta Sigma Epsilon. Active in local theater arts in administrative capacity. Hobbies are aviation, ornithology and, of course, CD. Like girl talk, organized activities and dining out. Enjoy corresponding with other girls and will reply. PROMISE!

DANIEL G.
(OH-M43I0-K9245-80)
Age 33, looking for friends in the Akron, Canton or Cleveland area with same interests. Mbr Paradise Club. Sure could use some friends! Thanks!

KAREN S.
(OH-M5873-K2386-82)
MWM, curious, shy, a bit scared. Would like to correspond with others who have supportive wives. I still live in secrecy. I will return all photos sent, and try to reply to all correspondence. Looking for friendship first.

DENISE DAWSON
(OH-P-M4746-K8130-86)
Mbr paradise Club. attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. single CD 39, 5'7", 132. Very passable & love fooling general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs & GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship.

DENISE DAVIDSON
(OH-P-M4984-K9444-83)
West side of Cleveland. Mbr Paradise Club and IME of southwestern MI. Enjoy going out on Saturday nights, shopping and going to movies. When not fully dressed, I'm half-dressed with makeup in an androgynist style. Married, but living alone.

KATHY GREY
(OH-P-M5044-K6767-80)
New mbr Crossport. MWM, CD/TV, 49, 6', 170, 14/16 (38-30-38) black hair, brown eyes. Wife doesn't know. Wish to correspond with all. Interested in all things feminine. Must be discreet. Want friends to share & learn makeup, dress, poise, voice. Want to dress with girls. Love lingerie. Working on photo.

ALICIA K.
(OH-P-M5626-K12399-80)
Interested in all things feminine. Get out any time I can. Working on voice, poise and makeup. Attended Holiday En Femme in Chicago, '96. Must be discreet. Active member of Tri-Ess and Paradise Club.

JILL AMBROSE
(OH-P-M5627-K7653-85)
Mbr Crossport. Hetero, married CD. Out of closet at Be All '95. Flew en femme to '96 Texas T Party. Attended '96 Holiday En Femme. Travel en femme frequently. Love to meet other TGs. Interests include country & western music, photography & railroads.

INDIANA (463-479(

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Finance Committee. Lifetime Mbr IXE. IFGE Trinity Award '91. Friendly, sincere individual who enjoys people involved in gender issues.

VANESSA W.
(IN-P-M1166-K1046-81)
MWM CD, 35-year-old. Attend many events around the country. Very supportive wife. Been out for many years and enjoy totally feminine experience. Enjoy shopping, modeling, socializing. Looking for like-minded couples & select singles to meet & walk on the edge with. Photo and letter gets reply.

EDIE S.
(IN-M3329-K6627-82)
Mbr IXE, WM CD, gemini. Just coming out, easy going, very sincere individual who enjoys all people involved in gender issues. Power walker. Body fitness & excersise are my lifestyle. Many hobbies, gourmet cooking, bird watcher, beer maker. Love all kinds of music. Write me soon.

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-80)
MWM, non-supportive wife, mature, advanced CD. Mbr Tri-Ess, IXE & CIGA. Interested in writing, music, history, bicycling & tennis. Loving, enthusiastic & committed, but also prudent. Eager to help others in our lovely community. Will answer all letters. Photo if possible.

MICHIGAN (480-499)

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-83)
Transgender supporter of Be All, 12 years. Photography, motorcycle hobby, college lecturer, Crossroads past officer.

JENNIFER ANN NELSON
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-81)
5'11", 170, reddish brown hair, blue eyes, TS. What a beautiful exploration this has been. Though I cannot be Jennifer all the time, those times that I am are special and have taught me to move in this world accepted as a woman.

MARCIA ANN T.
(MI-P-M1871-K2173-83)
Mbr IFGE, Cross Roads of MI, Tri-Ess. Mature lady passing in public for over 50 years. Dependable correspondent. Pleased to share my experiences and advice with all who wish help. Reside in tri-city area and south Florida.

MARCIA K.
(S MI-P-M2719-K4382-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. Enjoy golf, boating, travel & having a good time. Love pierced earrings, shoes & good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area to meet & go out.

DIANE REED
(MI-M3740-K8200-85)
Some see things as they are and ask, Why? I see things as they could be and ask, Why not? TG, visionary, seeks mutually supportive dialog with sisters aspiring to or having successfully combined avocations, activism into full life's work.

JANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K8811-87)
SWM, born 1947, TG, 5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. Mbr Crossroads, IFGE. Have undergone electrolysis and permanent cosmetics. Enjoy reading, bicycling, rustic camping, and wearing women's clothes.

ROBIN J.
(MI-M4209-K9498-83)
SW bi-TV. Dressing since childhood. Interested in outdoors, old pickups and feminine dressing in short skirts and heels. Not passable, but would to emerge part time. Help and support wanted from anyone. Looking forward to hearing from you.

MICHELLE WILSON
(MI-P-M5098-K11064-81)
MWM TV with strong TS tendencies. Seek others for correspondence, friendship and adventure. 5'10" and becoming a shapely 14/16 gal. Interests: quality management, electronics, vintage aircraft, camping and backpacking. Love to meet others and be escorted shopping, dining, movies, etc.

SUZY D.
(MI-P-M5154-K11385-82)
Mbr Crossroads. 40s, 5'6", 140. Very feminine, passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would like very much to correspond with sisters & gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!

CHARLOTTE YATES
(MI-M5445-K12696-82)
I am a member of Cross Roads, but not active. I have just started into transgender interests this last year. I'm not sure what interest I will have.

FRAN C.
(MI-P-M5813-K8743-82)
Tall, mbr Cross Roads, near Detroit. I have been out for about 4 years. I look good as a female. Open to new things. Not afraid of a challenge. It makes life worth living. Single and employed. Late 40s, in good health and very discreet. Love heels. I go out a lot and enjoy life a lot. Love to have fun.

JULIA A.
(MI-P-M6289-K14025-81)
DMCD, 52, mbr Crossroads, attended Be All '96. Pass most of the time. Enjoy going out as Julia, ballroom/country dancing, fishing, backpacking, photography. Drive 18-wheeler OTR for a living. Bi-curious. Will try to answer any who write. Your photo gets mine.

CHRISTINE EVERS
(MI-M6341-K5457-82)
SWM bi-TV. A mature, experienced 62-year-old crossdresser. Love lingerie, hose, heels, and **all** of being a woman. Desire correspondence and meeting other TV/TSs or other interested males, females, and couples.

WISCONSIN (530-548)

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-82)
There's nothing more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this, constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. Our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond & be friends, too.

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-82)
MWM, 5'10", 195, professional, college grad, ex-military. Interests include religion, family, music, and aviation. CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles and classic businesswoman look. Would like to hear from those with similar interests.

CATHY A. BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-85)
Single, 5'9", 160, 39 and holding. Caring sensitive, been CD since early childhood. Completely enjoy and am proud of my feminine self. Would like to correspond/meet with sincere others for letter and photo exchange, girl talk, fashion, public outings, photography and mutual support.

LAURA B.
(WI-NP-M4513-K5814-81)
5'6", 170, blue eyes. Mbr Tri-ess Chi Chapter & Gemini Gender Group. Just started to go out dressed in public. What a great feeling! Pass with no problem. Looking for friends for outings to help improve my femme self. Tired of hiding.

KATHERINE MARIE
(WI-P-M4973-K8323-80)
Eclectic M to F TV. Former photojournalist, rodeo hand and restaurateur. Insatiable history buff, voracious reader, incurable romantic. Closeted by family ties and economic necessity. Looking to escape. Starved for correspondence and companionship. Need help with makeup and hair. How do women do it?
SANDY PINT

(WI-M5003-K8284-80)
I am becoming more accepting of the crossdressing part of who I am. Want to develop more fully both masculine and feminine sides, and then integrate both into a meaningful whole person. Would like help in that process.

RANDY D
(WI-M5124-K11175-81)
DWM, 5'7", 120. Creative skilled craftsman. Enjoy woodwrking, art, antiques, auto racing. Lifelong TG feelings. Bi-curious. Dress every day. Finally able to be who I was meant to be. Looking for friendships or more & help coming out from GG or TG. Entertain at home. Photo appreciated.

HEATHER ANNE NAPIER
(WI-P-M5539-K12153-80)
Divorced pre-op TS, mbr Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, IFGE, longtime gender blender. Live as F, work mostly as M. Frequent travel, some international, for employer. Share both of me with friends, neighbors, coworkers. Enjoy a quiet life with a major cat. Slow but happy to correspond.

DANA S.
(WI-M6197-K13217-80)
Looking for a she-male to be my wife, age 30-56. I am 25 years old. Black she-males only need apply. Please send photo.

MINNESOTA (550-567)

JENNIFER O.
(MN-P-M0570-K1161-83)
Mbr. CLCC, 6'2", 180. Attended several Fantasia Fair and Be All events. Interested in classical organ music, racquetball and investing. Married to a warm and supportive spouse. I like to express my feminine side at home and occasional local club meetings.

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-80)
Married CD with supportive, loving spouse. Author of two published books on CD and Christian spirituality. Strongly desire communication with others interested in developing a specifically transgender-based Christian theology, working toward a ministry meeting the many and diverse spiritual needs of the transgendered community.

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-87)
Director, Gender Education Center; VP, CLCC; Exec. Board, Lambda Justice Center. Married CD, 5'9", 12/14. Love being feminine & have fully accepted my feminine self. In public often. Direct extensive outreach and traing programs. Present at universities, medical and professional groups. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, computing and SHOPPING.

DOUG D.
(MN-M6224-K13730-81)
Educated, employed SWM, 30s, 190#, B/B, NS, LD, interested in film, literature, arts and more. Seeking TS women for friendship and possible LTR who is attractive, feminine, romantic and passionate about intelligent investigation of the world around her.

ILLINOIS (600-629)

JULIE M.
(IL-M2936-K5012-84)
MWM, mid-30s, CD with TS feelings. Don't dress often, wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style & confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other TG/ladies who understand.

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-81)
Lifelong TV, married to a very understanding, beautiful lady. Enjoy all things feminine, especially very elegant gowns and party dresses. Satin and lace are so divine. Wishing to correspond and meet other sisters and couples who are comfortable with this life-style. Can entertain and meet in the Midwest.

BARBARA ANN ROBERTS
(IL-P-M3816-K6257-81)
MWM TV/TS, 5'10", 170, young 54. Electrolysis since '96, soon back on hormones, etc., to maximize femininity. 'Would like to hear from/meet others. Would enjoy dating mature, sincere gentleman who would treat a lady like a lady. Please enclose photo.

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-81)
MWM, 5'9, 185. Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but is not supportive. I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It helps me relax.

JANE WHITNEY
(IL-M5031-K9199-81)
My life is flourishing and contented with five decades of the gift of femininity. Beginning at age, by curiosity was carefully indulged by an enlightened mother and friends. Their legacy of joy has endured and grown without regret, guilt or illusions. Word from those of similar mind is welcome.

JYL W.
(IL-M5114-K10788-81)
WM TV, 33, 135, 5'8", still not out. Love lingerie, hose, short skirts, high heels & feeling feminine. Looking for someone to help me become more passable & bring me out in public.

ROXANNE LAVERNE MITCHELL
(IL-M5185-K11230-81)
Mbr of IFGE, Chicago Gender Society, and ITI. It's Time Illinois. I like everything feminine. On hormones for 2 yrs. Want correspondence from all. Hobbies include photography and trains.

MISSOURI (630-658)

ANGELA JOHNSON
(MO-P-M1162-K1308-81) DBM, CD, 47, 5'55", 175. Movies, photography, music, new friends, girltalk and sports interest me. Looking to correspond with and meet other TV/CD/TS and understanding ladies. I enjoy going out as Angela. Sisters of color, where are you? Please write.

TRISH ELAINE KASTEN
(MO-P-M4805-K10267-82)
Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 33. Interested in sharing experiences, strength, and hopes. I am also a recovering alcoholic and addict. Six years. Has anyone else found recovery? Photo and phone gets same, but not required.

KANSAS (660-679)

EVELYN BORDEN
(E KS P-M0400-K1329-80)
Tall, well educated, very passable TG interested in meeting others in the Kansas City area & sharing resource information. Open, understanding, helpful to others traveling same path.

SHELLY H.
(KS-P-M4627-K10171-82)
SW pre-op TS, 5'7", 150, 50. Member WTA. Have started transition and love it. Seeking friends and looking for SO to share my life with. I'm caring, loving and accepting. Love good music and crosswords. Varied other interests. Please write. Will answer all.

VERONICA MOELLER
(KS-P-M4893-K8412-83)
SWM TG, 5'7", 40, 145. Professional. Enjoy classical music, reading, movies, coffee shops and outdoors. Passable. I am moving towards TS and full time living. Seek friends to lend advice and experiences.

NEBRASKA (680-693)

DEBRA ANN E.
(NE-P-M1655-K1347-82)
Am fully out in my home town. Live about 25% as Deb. My loving wife, family and friends are educating alliance to what gender issues are all about. If you would like help in coming out, please write. We will gladly help.

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-82)
I enjoy all that is feminine & wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, & discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs & genetic females for friendship.

JANET MELISSA B.
(NE-M6036-K11170-83)
Sweet Lord Jesus, please say to me, "Talitha Koum!" Hi Girls, special recognition (God Bless) Linda B. of Texas. Sorry my handwriting has deteriorated, possible stroke! else I would have written several of you for prescription advice.

LOUISIANA (700-714)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-80)
Mbr Gulf Gender Alliance. I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, & am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, & would welcome corresponding with them.

JAMI B.
(LA-M3456-K7120-83)
44yo TG/TS. Unfolding self-awareness bittersweet. Love my children/spouse (fear loss), but coming home, at last. Working to stay grounded and in integrity. Introspective, analytical, nuts; talk too much. Rollerblading's second only to dancing as best exercise.

GINGER B.
(LA-M4366-K10089-80)
Financially independent, single, 6'1", 215, very infrequent CD needs a full-time French maid capable of caring for & sharing the good life on 15 acres with a home. You can live full time as a woman. Tell me about your dreams & needs. Let us trade letters & photos.

MICHELLE SCHEMANN
(IA-P-M5117-K11112-81)
MWM, 5'6", 150. Novice CD maybe Bi. Blessed with natural girlish figure. Finally exploring my femme self. Eager to share all aspects of feminine mystique & transformation. Have ventured out dressed. Looking for girlfriend to share ideas, experiences, fantasies, photos, etc.

SHERI K.
(LA-P-M6183-K13581-80)
Sexy southern belle, married CD with supportive wife who helps with hair, clothes makeup and photos. Love to dress sexy but classy in short skirts, nylons and high heels. Wish to exchange letters and photos with other CDs, CD couples and females. Discretion and honesty assured.

ARKANSAS (716-729)

JANA H.
(AR-P-M2042-K2442-80)
Let's talk! Into dressing 13 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late 50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" inch heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possibly meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!

LARRY D.
(AR-M5247-K10478-82)
MWM. Never had a desire to dress, but have had a lifelong desire to know & associate with those who do. I respect who you are, & would love to hear from anyone, especially in Arkansas & nearby states. Would you like an understanding man's point of view?

LAURIE STARK
(AR-M5410-K11897-80)
5'8", 190, 39, single, TV/TS feelings. Like movies, Sci-Fi, romance, mountains, camping, SCUBA, dressing, classical gourmet cooking, fine wine, helping gender community, peace & quiet, air brush. Started transition Oct. '96. Would like to develop friendships with women, couples, TV/TSs, & build lasting friendships.

STACI B.
(AR-P-M5550-K12188-83)
WM CD wishes to hear from TV/TS/CDs. Wife doesn't know, nor would she approve. My interests include sexy satin lingerie, photo exchange and possible meetings. I would love hearing from anyone with similar interests and will answer all. My greatest joy is being female and I want to share that with someone.

JEAN MARIE Z.
(AR-P-M6057-K13197-83)
S M-F TG, size 12, feisty little Gemini bitch is going full time in Bubbaville, Arkansas. She's a 50s Renaissance girl, open to diversity after flushing the toxic cultural conditioning from her veins. Seeking interaction with new age/ shaman Wicca spirits. Your plumbing's not important, the wiring is.

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

SUSAN AWGMAN
(OK-P-M5840-K3908-82)
Single college instructor looking for new places to continue on this wonderful path I have been allowed to travel. I am spiritually centered and most baggage has been unloaded. Love all life's experiences. All correspondence answered. TS, 5'11", 170, 41.

MEGAN STEWART
(OK-P-M5844-K12859-82)
SWM, 40, 5'10", 140, 36-32-35. Have extremely feminine shape and features. I want to leave the man behind and be who I am. Want to be someone's special lady. Looking for warm, loving, honest relationship. Please send a nice letter.

TEXAS (750-799)

LAURA TAYLOR
(TX-P-M1254-K1408-81)
CD, about 5'9", 170. Just love my time dressed and made up as a woman. Love to meet and write to other CDs. Off lots of weekdays for dress up sessions, shopping, lunch, etc.

TERRI G.
(TX-M1738-K1901-82)
SWM, 5'7", 165. Hobbies computers and music. Closet TV. Would like to improve appearance. Interested in hormones and how to increase breast development, and in MtF surgery.

JANET MARIE B.
(TX-M2772-K4605-83)
New to the CD world, but have been one forever. Just cracking open the door and looking for advice, understanding, and most of all, friendship. Wish to explore newly acknowledged emotions and feelings with caring people.

CASEY COLE
(STX-P-M1907-K2196-87)
SWM hetero CD, 47, Austin, Texas area, Cofounder of Austin Second Image. Active in CD social support for fifteen years. Mbr ASI, ETVC. Attended every Texas T Party. Personally answer ASI hot line Wed. 7-9 pm.

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-99)
Mbr of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. Out of closet & successful transgendered attorney. Like helping people out of closets, fighting myths & stereotypes. Will speak on TG issues. It isn't '76, this is the '90s. Come out! You're an OK person. Don't put up with the guilt & shame lie.

LIANA JAMES
(TX-P-M2949-K5062-81)
Interests include photography, computers, travel and having fun! I will answer all who write.

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-83)
Mbr B&P & ASI. Attended Texas T Party '92-'95. Married to loving & supportive wife who helps with wardrobe selection & overall look. Interested in meeting others for socializing & conversation. Enjoy corresponding with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing & petticoat punishment.

P.C.
(TX-P-M3628-k7533-83)
Divorced hetero lifelong CD. My community doesn't understand or accept me. Would like to hear/meet friends or sisters in Central Texas. Are you as lonely with your true self as I am. Please write.

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-80)
Single, hormones since '92. Love music, intimate conversation, cooking, good wine. Other interests too varied to list. Seeking stable, healthy relationship. Send photo with letter. Would also like to hear from others in the Rio Grande Valley; friendship, support.

JOHN C.
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-81)
SWM, 5'10, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated.

LEE G.
(TX-P-M4622-K10161-86)
Central Texas TG. Member of Austin Second Image. Interests are androgynous everyday dressing, long distance motorcycle touring, the Gender Forum on America on Line. Interested in meeting others of a like mind and interests. Catch me on-line.

TOMMIE LYNN M.
(TX-P-M5260-K11678-86)
Hetero male, CD, 41. Graduated Texas A&M 1980. Work in electronic research and development. Fully dress for Metroplex CD Club meetings; partially at home. Enjoy photography, R&R, *Star Trek*. Correspondence is welcome.

JAN N.
(TX-M5402-K4271-83)
Pre-op TS in mid-30s, enjoy all aspects of being feminine. Interested in hearing from men, women, and other TSs who have an interest in special girls like me. Open to long term relationship. Appreciate all aspects of relationships.

WENDY ROSE CAMPBELL
(TX-M5411-K5233-84)
SWM, pre-op TS, 6', 175. On hormones since 1987. Living full time as a woman since 1994. Interests: computers, cooking, dancing, travel and c/w music. Grad. Cornell and Cordon Bleu, Paris. Wish to correspond/meet other TS/TG in Fort Worth Metroplex area.

COLLEEN HELMS
(TX-M5531-K12231-80)
DWM bi-CD, 5'10", 180, red/blue. Relationship-oriented. Love lingerie & heels. Need help with makeup, wigs, & upper physique styles. Correspond by phone or mail. Photo appreciated. Can entertain or travel. Discretion assured. Peace & love (we need it)!

KELLI ROBERTS
(TX-M5615-K10415-80)
SWM, 5'7", CD. Former member WTGA. 1996 has been wild. Have traded the sands of West Texas for the sands of the Texas coast. Still enjoy hearing from sisters across the Lone Star state, looking for friendship and sharing info.

BETTIE ANN A.
(TX-P-M5616-K10064-80)
Mbr Delta Omega, Irving, Texas. Hetero, 61, 5'9, 150, widower. Wife was supportive. Crossdressing since age 12. I prefer living as a woman most of my free time. Enjoy going out. Passable? No one has said anything, & I never asked. I'm just an older woman.

MARLENE D.
(TX-P-M5665-K11032-81)
SWM hetero CD, fetish, fantasy dresser. All my outer/underwear is black patent stretch leather. Ultrasheer, shiny 15 denier black seamless stockings. No pantyhose for this gal! 6" black patent spike stiletto-heeled pumps with pointy toes. Please write.

DARLENE E.
(TX-M5811-K0239-81)
Divorced. Stepping out of the closet in miniskirts and high heels. Would love to help start a CD club in NE TX. Will answer all letters. Mbr IFGE, Metro-Plex CD Club.

SABRA SINCLAIR
(TX-M5978-K6690-80)
30-something, beautiful dark skinned, sexy dark eyes, post-op TS. 5'9", 126#, 38C-24-35. Widow with lez desires. Would love to hear from passable post- and pre-ops, handsome men, or those whose interests are leaning toward becoming TS. Interests are in the occult, music, lingerie, heels, cosmetics, dancing, dining, theatre, shopping.

PAMELA MARTINH
(TX-P-M6008-K8649-83)
TG, bi, 50, 5'8", 130, size 9. Live alone, en femme. I'm interested in all things intimate, feminine, loving, mystical. I like candle light, music, cuddling, camping. I want to correspond and exchange photos with like-minded people. Peace and love to you.

JANA CLARK
(TX-P-M6060-K13209-83)
CD, 40s, 5'9", 160. Started dressing again after years of suppressed feelings. Interested in hearing from attractive, fem-looking TV or pre-op TS to share experiences with and possibly help me find my true inner self. Photo appreciated. What's your story?

KATE STEELE
(TX-P-M6071-K13237-87)
Central Texan, lifelong CD, partly out. ASI, Texas T '96. Seeking more opportunities to express myself, more friends in our community, more info about this life and how to dress for it. Welcome correspondence, contacts, socializing. Enjoy books, music, motorcycling.

KRISTY MILLER
(TX-P-M6231-K13740-81)
SWM TV, 6'1", 31, 190. I am a sensitive, caring woman who likes to cook, read poetry, and explore all aspects of being a woman. I always portray a feminine image. Like to correspond and meet with like-minded individuals.

COLORADO (800-816)

JOANNE WILSON
(CO-P-M4620-K10158-80)
WM, 5'10", 175#, professional, fiftyish, spending more time en femme than not. Enjoy shopping, occasional bar-hopping, and golf. Poor corespondent, but will answer all. Currently on hormones and electrolysis. Would like to hear from others.

MELISSA BLUE
(CO-P-M6305-K14117-81)
MWM, shy, closet CD/TG. Wife does not know, nor would she approve. Love everything feminine. Want to correspond with others and possible meet. Am very open-minded, so feel free to express your true self! Your letter and photo gets mine.

WYOMING (820-831)

VERONICA B.
(WY-P-M4969-K7113-80)
SWM, 150, 6', CD. Love everything feminine. Enjoy changing looks & trying new things. Like to hear from open-minded, fun-loving people & meet with those in my area.

GINA S.
(WY-M5096-K11058-83)
MWM. mid-40s, CD/TG with TS inclinations.Seeking advice and support to achieve goal in coming out and being able to live a female life-style. Wife knows, trying to accept, but nonsupportive. I have much to learn about my femininity. Hearing from my sisters would be a great help.

LINDA ANNE S.
(WY-P-M5488-K12095-80)
MWM TS living full time with supportive SO and family. On hormones 1-1/2 years and looking forward to eventual SRS. I find SW Wyoming extremely accepting and would love to meet others in my area.

IDAHO (834-839)

GERRI BECKEN
(ID-P-M3230-K6299-83)
6'0", 160, 42, single CD/TV. Interested in reading romance & Sci-Fi/fantasy, computers, long walks, & dressing. Will respond to all letters. Do pass in public. Please write.

HEATHER WILKINS
(ID-M5741-K1-12608-81)
Married with loving wife. CD, mid-30s, closeted. Would like to help build support for out community in S. Idaho/E. Oregon. I am ready to meet sisters and brothers. Will cherish words of advice from anyone in 'the family' that has started a club.

ARIZONA (850-864)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-82)
Mbr A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 47, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, & dogs. Fond of gold clothes, heels, & blonde hair, but also enjoy tight skirts & tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Write.

TOMMIE F.
(AZ-P-M1158-K1453-80)
Lifelong TG has a passion for panties, heels, hosiery and other lingerie. Has a large collection of panties, bras & slips. Wants to hear from other undies lovers. Also likes minis, bosomy look. Will correspond with sisters. Exchange photos and lingerie.

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-80)
Hetero CD, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic & attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Like art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, & fashions. Love to meet/write CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere.

CINDY N.
(AZ-P-M4047-K8782-82)
Mbr Alpha Zeta and A-Rose since 1988. Have supportive wife and we both love photography, shopping and travel.

ANONOMOUS MALE
(AZ-M4888-K8301-80)
SWM, 45, professional, moderately financially independent in five years. Seeking young, feminine, early stage 'true' pre-op for loving, caring monogamous relationship. Prefer a TS on natural hormones and who is highly erotic by nature. Please send photo and description.

CATHERINE SMITH
(AZ-P-M5208-K11545-81)
SW, 33, Supporting Member IFGE. Very shy, self-employed carpenter specializing in kitchens and bath remodeling. Will work most anywhere. Interests include camping, music, reading, cooking, being creative, religion. No sexually explicit letters, please.

KAY JULIA A.
(AZ-M5603-K3757-80)
50s, tall, post-op TS. Enjoy dancing, reading cooking, traveling and live theater. Would like to correspond and meet women and men with compatible interests for mutual support and comfort. Am delighted with my new life. Let's have fun!

KATHLEEN RENEE C.
(AZ-P-M6174-K8646-80)
MWM, TV, late 50s, 6'', mbr Tri-Ess. Enjoy Sci-Fi *(Trek, Bab 5, X-Files,* etc.), movies, reading. Love dressing. Still working on closet door; one foot out, other dragging. Would love to correspond with TVs, both locally and elsewhere.

NEW MEXICO (870-884)

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-83)
35, 5'8", 145, closet CD. Love heels, hose, lace & lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, & meeting some new friends. Will answer all.

THONG SANDI TAPAGANDA
(NM-P-M4342-K3848-80)
Gay (happy) Transvestite, learning to get in touch with my feminine self. 5'7", 155, thirty-something. Very finely sculptured, completely hairless, athletic body. Activities include nudism, ballet (on pointe!), several sports, & phantasy photography. Am very open-minded, so when writing feel free to express your true self!

CHRISTY BROWN
(NV-P-M6201-K13517-81)
Reno TV, 28, 5'10", 130, feminine, clean, sincere, single easy going. Enjoy going out, modeling, meeting people, videos, photography, quiet nights at home. Seek open-minded friendships and more. Dates with men. Short skirts, sexy dress, infantilism. Wish to be full time TV female.

SARAH P
(NV-P-M6249-K13841-81)
Pre-op TS, 21, about 5'8", 130, Las Vegas. In search of many things, not the least of which is a way to make my dreams come true. All my life I've wanted nothing more than to become a beautiful woman. I've chosen 1997 as the year in which to do it. The support of others is always appreciated.

CALIFORNIA (900-960)

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-80)
An older lady who ten years ago, after many years of denial, could no longer hide from who and what I was. I always enjoy hearing from others with whom I can share triumphs, experiences and problems.

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-86)
Passable, 5'8", sz 12. Great sense of humor, discreet & sensitive. love sharing ideas with other girls. Like makeup, adventures, photography & 'puters. Want to achieve a totally fem image & persona. Out at last & loving it.

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-K1518-81)
WCD enjoys meeting people who have the same interests & that enjoy going out & having fun. I travel extensively & love meeting people & visiting groups. I am presently very involved in the community & very much enjoy helping those who are looking for info or help.

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-80)
Have lived as a woman most of my life. Age 24, bisexual TV. Interested in pen-pals only.

CAROL LEE
(CA-M2798-K4622-82)
Heterosexual-oriented TV. I pass reasonably well. Am happy to correspond or meet similar individuals who are interested in photography, shopping, beautiful clothes, or just sharing our mutual interest in dressing.

BOB DAVIS
(CA-M2620-K1631-80)
Mbr ETVC, IFGE. Collector of TG books, periodicals & ephemera seeking to correspond with others & compare collections. Willing to buy, trade or sell. All letters & inquiries will be answered, but I apologize in advance for making you wait. A special note to dirty minds: I'm very happy in my current relationship. My lover & I do not welcome salacious solicitations.

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-M2833-K4704-80)
Mbr ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, & astrology. Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE & photo gets mine.

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-P-M3063-K4877-81)
MWM, hetero CD. Wife has observed & assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. Been away for a while, am seeking pen-gals for better understanding.

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Mbr ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGN1E, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30s (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Genderflex*—Contributors welcome. This is my real life.

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-P-M3627-K7688-83)
60+, 5'10", 160, retired. Member SGA. Long time CD/TV. No longer in closet. Enjoy going out to meetings, dinners, and in general enjoying relationships with other sisters. Would love to hear from you, especially Sacramento area.

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-83)
TG/TS Supportive wife. Pass as someone comfortable with ambigu-

ity. Hormones since '85. The arts, literature, rural living, fashion. Buddhism and Deep-ecology teacher. Value authenticity, freedom of thought, humor, celebration, good friends. Seeking new friends in Southern California.

MARY R.
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-80)
Like to meet CDs in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. Dressing for over 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone, correspond or meet.

ANN SMITH
(CA-M4351-K9593-80)
Loving, warm, successful professional interested in other successful, professional TVs. My goal is to understand the relationship between crossdressing and business/professional success. I want to meet and discuss this. Lifelong crossdresser. So. Cal.

KAREN ADLER
(CA-P-M-5172-K11409-81)
I'm a good listener, friendly company, confident (135, 5'7") MTV. Maya Angelou's Phenomenal Woman says it best, '. . . when I try to show them, they say they can't see, I say it's in the click of my heels, the sun of my smile, the grace of my style . . . that's me . . . '

JENNIFER H.
(CA-M5173-K1141-85)
Athletic 30-something San Francisco TV. Educated, fun-loving professional. Travel, love to dress, meet those interested in our 'sport.' Attend conventions, go out. Attractive, bright, blue eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. Very attractive in both sports. Let's meet!

GLENDA S.
(CA-P-M5388-K1175-83)
SWM, 38, 6'1", 180, size 11, tall, slender. Enjoy CD in tight clothes and becoming as sexy as I can. Wish to meet same or TV/TS. Exchange letters, photos, videos. Answer all. Have enjoyed all responses and exchanges since appearing in *Transgender Tapestry*, and hope for many more.

RANDI GARNER
(CA-M5412-K7439-80)
TS full time. ETVC/SIS/Cal Dreaming '96. New to San Francisco after coming from small mountain town in No. Calif. Will answer all.

JAN JENSEN
(CA-M5494-K12112-80)
MWM bi-TV/TS inclined, 55, 6', 195, 18. Wife okay to a point. Dressed all my life. Wear lingerie at all times. Go out occasionally. Love everything femme. On hormones since '84. Love to hear from anyone self-employed. Design, fabricate, repair, restore race cars & street rods.

LUCY ARMENDARIZ
(CA-M5712-K12652-81)
36-year-old bi-TV. I am fun-loving, open-minded. In sexy shape who enjoys wearing the same. I prefer other TVs with same interest. Please send photos. I will do the same. Let's go for it!

TERRY MILLER
(CA-M5837-K12810-86)
Very sexy bi-TV, 5'8", 150, 37 years old. I pass easily in most situations. I love to go out on dates with interesting men, especially double dates with one of my TV sisters. Will answer all.

KEN KIRKER
(CA-P-M6098-K13318-80)
SWM, 6'4", 220#, hazel/blue eyes, 34. Seeking very feminine, attractive, busty pre/post-op TV/TS or CD with long hair for LTR, possibly marriage. Enjoy long walks, beaches, romantic evenings, long, passionate kisses (they're guaranteed to curl your toes). Will answer all with photo, phone.

REVANA ROSE
(CA-P-M6246-K1195-81)
29-year-old gender explorer into living, loving, & learning. Enjoy shopping and dancing as "just a girl in the world" with my adventurous SO. Interests include counseling psychology, self-growth, cyberspace, metaphysics and crossdressing (duh). What's your story?

HAWAII (995-999)

ROBIE AISHA
(HI-P-M6178-K9963-80)
S Japanese lesbian TG, 31, mbr TRES, still searching for self. Novice at dressing, not out yet. Enjoy tailored clothes and lingerie. Looking for Miss Right. Especially seeking to hear from Asian TGs and lesbians for Asia/USA support network. Please send photo.

KEVINA DONELLE
(HI-P-M6235-K0545-81)
CD finally accepting the finer things in life. Love tight, sexy clothes and long dresses. Coming out of closet. Enjoy shopping and dressing for pleasure. Also theater and fine wine. Love correspondence with sisters. A letter and photo gets mine. Write soon.

OREGON (970-979)

HEATHER M.
(OR-P-M4689-K9843-82)
6' MW TV, still in closet. Too nervous to venture out. Seek friends for correspondence. Enjoy cooking, history (BS), Sci-Fi, shopping and the world of femininity. Wonderful wife knows and is supportive to an extent. TS thoughts have been strong lately. Answer all with photo.

D.H.
(OR-M5951-K6466-82)
SWM, 50, wants LTR with TS/TV/TG/GG to come out with. Explore and provide support to. Ready to relocate. 5'11", 200, long blond hair. Especially drawn to drag queens and TVs who are submissive and sexy.

BARBARA BARRETT
(WA-P-M0258-K0560-83)
Mbr NWGA, Emerald City. 5'10", 160 CD. Like music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting sisters. Have supportive SO. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social gettogethers & CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer all.

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-80)
Mbr Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun.

BARBARA M.
(WA-P-M2458-K3421-82)
Mbr Emerald City, IFGE. 5'6", 150, gray hair. Out many years part time. Seem to pass, or people are kind and do not mention it. Joined TV group hoping to find friend to pal around with. Was better looking before auto accident.

LORRIE T.
(WA-P-M4057-K7891-82)
MWM, 49, 10. CD with supportive wife wishes to correspond with others. Very much want to make friends and dress one-on-one with other CDs in OR/WA. Not looking for sex, just good friends. Please write and I'll respond. Photo appreciated. Let's enjoy our feminine selves together.

STACI ELAINE DAVIS
(WA-P-M4919-KI0876-84)
Feminine, DSWM lesbian TV. Love beauty in nature, music, feminine & caring relationships. I am a smoker, 6', 220. Love shopping & wearing all the things that other women do. I like to read *Transgender, Woman Talk* & watch daytime soaps.

CHARLOTTE R.
(WA-P-M5190-K11441-81)
S retired CD, 6'6", 220. Crossdressed since youth, never in public. Love underwear and dressing with friends. Travel a lot. Need advice on makeup & clothes. Have lots of time. Would like to hear from sisters. Worldwide story collection.

DOROTHY LEIGH GUSTAVSON
(WA-M5520-K12189-80)
SWM, 26, 122, 5'3". Full time as Dorothy since 6-9-87. Want letters from any interested sister.

ANN J.
(WA-M5800KI2775-85)
Widower, 65. In the closet since age 13, now trying to crack the door open. Would like to meet others in local area, accepting women. Late wife very much opposed. Currently don't pass. Discretion expected and provided.

TINA H.
(WA-P-M6337-K14287-82)
Attractive SW bi-TV, 40s, IFGE member. Been crossdressing since age 13. My passion is crossdressing and all things feminine. Love heels, hose, lace, lingerie. Would like to correspond and meet with other TVs and supportive ladies. Your photo gets mine. Will answer all.

ALASKA (995-999)

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-83)
Mbr Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 52, 5'5", 135. Supportive wife & grown & gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar & flute. Spend all my non-work time as a woman, & go out a lot. Love to communicate. Photo appreciated.

TRISH PLUMB
(AK-M3480-K7185-81)
I'm a 40-something CD. Would enjoy corresponding with other CDs, particularly those in Alaska. All letters will be answered.

CANADA

ROBYN V.
(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-82)
Mbr Gender Mosaic, Ottawa, & Xpressions, Toronto. Hetero TV, married, family, living SE Ontario. Like theater, classical & other music, skiing, & boating. Love to shop, dine and enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa & other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated.

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-81)
Mbr Xpressions. Been dressing since a teenager, now 45. Like the feel of stockings against shaved legs. Slowly getting the courage to go shopping in daylight in home town.

CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-85)
Tall, slim, blue-eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. Interested in intelligent, sensitive, nonsexual correspondence with anyone who is

either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those of us who are gender gifted.

WENDY HOULE
(CAN-M4606-K10132-81)
Divorced, single parent with four children to take care of. TV/TS, late 30s, dressing all my life. Want to correspond and/or meet other CD/TS/GG for helping me to improve my femme side. Looking for help & support. No sex letters.

GLENDA T.
(CAN-M4809-K9040-80)
Early 40s, single, hetero CD, 5'3", 155lb., Mbr of Cornbury. Never been out, but perhaps... Interests include musical theatre, travel & sports. I'd like to meet/correspond with sisters & supportive ladies in Victoria & Canada.

MONICA MARTIN
(CAN-P-M5638-K9601-81)
MWM professional. Striving for full-time living with understanding SO. Likes: music sports, & making friends. Write if you have similar likes.

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-83)
Mbr Xpressions (Toronto), Be All '92, surgery by '98, newspaper printed biography, Human Rights activist, faced problems head on, gained respect with quiet pressure. Try it! Music, sketching, photography, travel, laughter, seek serious correspondence, long term friends, conversation better than copulation.

REBECCA ANN BENTLEY
(CAN-M5512-K12155-80)
6'3". Love dressing up in suits, high heels, stockings, makeup. Would like to hear from other CDs in the Kingston area. Still looking to go out in public and to parties. I like movies, dancing. Sometimes I go to Toronto and Ottawa to help bring my feminine self out.

MICHELINE MONTREUIL
(CAN-P-M6067-K12255-83)
5'11", 45. Wish to meet and visit her sisters in Canada and USA, mainly during summer and Christmas time. Like to dress, to live and to shop all week as a woman. Seeking new friends to do social activities together. Please write me, I will answer..

MONICA MARTIN
(CAN-P-M5638-K9601-81)
MWM, professional. Striving for fulltime living with understanding SO. Likes: music, sports & making friends. Write if you have similar likes.

SWITZERLAND

CLAUDIA B.
(SWITZERLAND-P-M5334-K11843-81)
TS interested in meeting other TG sisters in USA/Europe. Love being feminine and ladylike. Often en femme in public. Like to correspond with other Transgender people.

AUSTRIA

PETA WILSON
(AUSTRIA-P-M2516-K3664-81)
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Will There be Blue Eyeshadow in Heaven, or, Is God a Crossdresser?

J. J. Allen

Having just bailed my friend Paul out of the jail ward of the county hospital, the two of us sat on the court house steps reading a copy of the arrest report. "Suspect was ob served driving recklessly while looking in the rearview mirror of his vehicle. Suspect was using rearview mirror to apply blue eyeshadow and consequently did not see the oncoming bus. The unconscious suspect was discovered to be a crossdressed male when disrobed in the emergency room," the report stated.

"What the hell were you doing putting on blue eyeshadow while you were driving?" I asked my friend.

"I...I...I guess I just wanted to pass," Paul stammered. "You know how women put on makeup when they drive? Well, I guess I just wanted to look like a woman."

"Oh, now that makes sense. Putting on eyeshadow while you're driving is a great passing technique!"

Paul looked down at the ground, hurt that I would scold him in his time of need.

"Look, Paul, I'm sorry, maybe I was out of line, but even real women shouldn't apply makeup when they're driving. Anyway, what happened to the bus-load of senior citizens you ran into?"

"Nothing! I mean, yeah, they were delayed on their trip to Disneyland, so I guess that's bad enough. But none of them were hurt, although one of them claimed to have lost her dentures."

"And how about you? Are you alright?

"I guess I am if they let me out of the hospital. The last thing I remember about the accident was waking up in the emergency room. The triage nurses were cutting away my dress and I'm thinking, 'Uh oh, here's where they discover Mr. Happy.' "

"So what happened?"

"Well, they cut my dress off, and I remember both of them looking at each other when they saw my garter belt. It was like they don't see a lot of women wearing garter belts. So they cut off my black lace garter belt, then they snipped my panties off and wallah! They both get grins from ear to ear and motion some of the other medical people over. I'm woozy from whatever pain medication they had given me, but I'm still coherent enough to know what's going on. I can't tell you how embarrassed I was. Then suddenly it happened!"

"What?"

"I was floating above my body!"

"You had an out of body experience?"

"Yep. I guess it was the trauma of the whole thing, you know, the accident, the ambulance ride, and being discovered crossdressed."

"What was it like?"

"I was floating above my body. Then I saw a tunnel with a bright light at the end, and I'm thinking that this can't be happening to me. It's just like all the New Age books say, except that instead of feeling blissful I'm just really feeling stressed, like I don't want to go towards the light."

"So what did you do?"

"I looked back down at my body and I noticed that I was wearing blue eyeshadow. Then it hit me: I was putting on blue eyeshadow when I got in the wreck!"

"Yeah, so, I don't get the connection."

"You can't see the connection? J.J. come on, you're supposed to be Mr. Metaphysical and you don't see the connection?"

"No, Paul, I don't see the connection between your

accident and blue eyeshadow."

"There's no blue eyeshadow in heaven!"

"What?"

"Sweet Jesus, can't you see my point, J.J.? Look, the only way you can crossdress is if you have a body! If you die and go up to heaven you can't crossdress because spirits don't wear clothes or even have a sex! They're all neuters in heaven!"

"I think you mean they're all genderless, Paul."

"Genderless, neutered, it's all the same damn thing!"

"No it isn't. Being neutered is very different from being genderless..."

"Okay, okay, fine, have it your way. I'm not going to argue over words with someone who thinks he's a writer. My point is that you can't get crossdressed in heaven!"

"And this is bad?"

"Oh come on, who are you kidding! You know as well as I do that all CD's will miss the pleasures of crossdressing when we arrive in the afterlife."

"I guess I had always thought there would be some kind of holodeck in the afterlife that would allow me to at least experience the illusion of physical pleasures. I mean, what fun would heaven be without crossdressing? Oh great, now I'm disturbed by what you're saying. I just hate to think that God would take crossdressing away from me; what would that leave me in heaven? Harp music?

"Aha! My point exactly! So when I looked down at my body and saw that I was wearing blue eyeshadow I knew that my time on earth wasn't ended. I knew that I had to return to my body because I wasn't ready to give up crossdressing!"

"Now wait a minute, Paul. We're getting carried away. I think that in heaven we'll transcend the need to crossdress because the radiant bliss of God will outshine the pleasure of dressing like a woman. I'm sure it's something spiritual like that, don't you?"

"The radiant bliss of God, my ass! No, I just can't see how heaven could be enjoyable if it means giving up the exotic pleasures of life. That's why I think it's better to stay in the body for as long as possible, like Virginia."

"Well first of all, who said that God won't allow us to experience the delights of crossdressing in heaven? You can't prove that God won't allow it."

"And you can't prove that God will allow it."

"You're right, but you'll still die eventually."

"Exactly, and you can't take your clothes and cosmetics to heaven!"

"So let us eat, drink, and crossdress for tomorrow we die?"

"Spoken like a true Epicurean."

"Nah, I don't buy it, Paul. I think you have a screwed up view of the afterlife. I think there will be more pleasure available in heaven than here on earth."

"Then let me ask you this: If God asked you to give up crossdressing right now, could you?"

"I can't imagine that God would ask me to do that, especially since transgenderism is likely rooted in the brain. It would be like God asking me to betray my very nature," I opined.

"You're avoiding the question, pilgrim."

"No, I don't think I could give it up, but what's your point in asking?"

"My point is this: If you can't give it up now, how will you be able to give it up in heaven?"

"And that's my point. I don't know that I'll have to give it up in heaven."

"But you just said that it's rooted in the brain, and, as you won't have any gray mass in heaven, where then, I ask you , will your crossdressing exist?"

"I don't know."

"See, you can't have it both ways. If crossdressing is rooted in biology, then it won't exist in the afterlife where there is no flesh. On the other hand, if it is a spiritual quality like love, then why does it require clothing?" Paul asked me with apparent glee.

"If love is to be expressed, it too requires a form in which to appear."

"A form, yes. But clothing no."

"Except when you get married, then love requires clothing."

"But you only need a gown and a tuxedo if you have a formal ceremony."

"Okay, then, there you have it," I reasoned. "Crossdressing is a formal, spiritual ceremony that requires clothing. It is of both heaven and earth, just as is love."

Paul looked skyward for a moment and then said, "Yes, maybe it is that way. Maybe earthly eyeshadow foreshadows the eternal eyeshadow. Perhaps Plato was right. Perhaps crossdressing exists perfectly in the mind of God as a form and we express it imperfectly."

"I agree. But maybe we could even further and say that God is the ultimate crossdresser."

"How so?"

"Alan Watts spoke of God forgetting who 'he' was so that he could manifest as all the separate beings and forms in the universe. If this is the case, then God crossdresses in the forms of nature, culture, and everything else we experience."

"So are you saying that we, and everyone and everything else, are actually God crossdressed in, well, the drag of the universe?"

"The universe as a form divine drag? It has a Zen-like appeal to it, I have to admit. The only difference would be that, according to Watts, God has forgotten who he is and so doesn't realize that he's engaged in a form of drag we call the universe."

"This would make sense, especially if one were to argue that the best drag queens are those who don't realize they're doing drag. Perhaps someone like you, for example, when you have on your big hair and sequins."

"Wait a minute, that's hardly drag!"

"You make my point for me, bitch."

"Okay, enough of the compliments. At least can we agree that there will be blue eyeshadow in heaven?"

"I am converted. As above, so below," Paul said.

"So now do you wish you had gone towards the light?"

"No."

"Why?"

"Because even if God is a fellow crossdresser, I would still feel tacky meeting her in blue eyeshadow!"

(J. J. Allen, the pseudonymous author of the bestselling book, **The Man in the Red Velvet Dress: Inside the World of Crossdressing**, *is a long-time member of the California TG community.)*

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The Partners in Diversity Award

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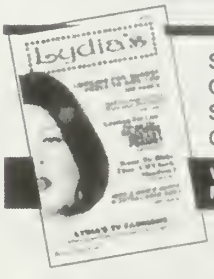

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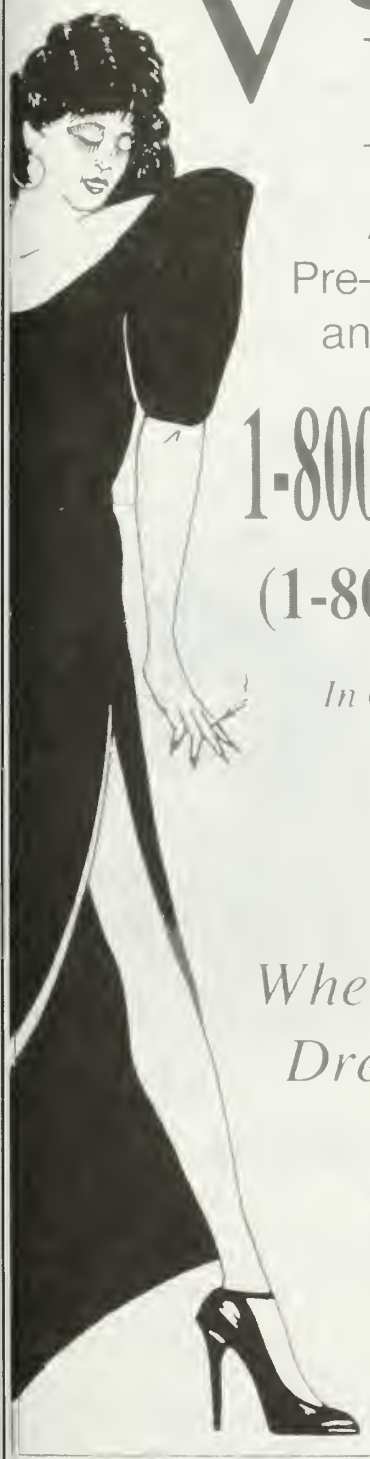

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September 1997

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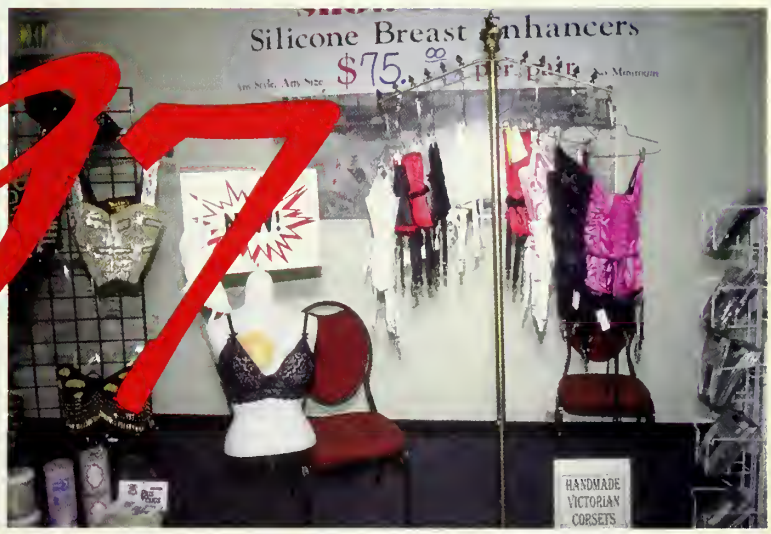
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At each session there was sufficient opportunity for question and answer between presenters and audience, and a lot of new ideas were hashed out.

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Not surprisingly, conversations revealed that most groups seemed to face pretty much the same challenges everywhere: finding a safe and decent place to meet, getting good speakers, trying to get more member participation, the problems many still face from having to remain closeted, and so on.

As the conference wore on, the theme of unity emerged as something different: the question of the unity of our community as a whole.

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Linda Buten with vendor
Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen

CAL UNITY CLOSE-UP: Towards a More Natural Female Voice

Don't make the mistake many M2Fs do and think that the best way to develop female speech is to uniformly adopt certain behaviors, and then put them on as a false persona, warned noted speech pathologist Maureen O'Connor of San Francisco's Peninsula Associates at one Cal Unity seminar. It's better to have a menu of female communication behaviors that sound natural to pick and choose from.

There is no one specific type of female voice, says O'Connor. For example, there's Audrey Hepburn (graceful, elegant), Katherine Hepburn (deep and resonant), Liza Minelli (bubbly, energetic) and Ellen Degeneres (plain, simple and likeable). All are female, but each is female in a very different way.

Two common mistakes many M2Fs make are falsetto and breathiness. Falsetto is high, thin and tinny sounding. But there's no power to it, and you can't get melody or inflection. Speaking up there habitually is not the way vocal chords were meant to vibrate.

Breathiness is associated with Marilyn Monroe or Jackie Onassis. It may sound inviting and sensual, but the balance of breath to tone is out of whack. It's far better to develop a female-sounding voice within your own natural range, O'Connor told Cal Unity attendees.

One way to capture the way women talk is use of their wider use of vocabulary. Men tend to sound matter-of-fact and monotone. Women are often more expressive and paint pictures with words. A man might say something is white; a woman could say it's ivory, bone, egg shell or ecru.

Many women also use intensifiers to express emotionality. A male might say "It's a beautiful day." A female might say, "It's such a beautiful day."

Centuries of having to depend on the goodwill of others has created a female vocabulary which is often more approval-seeking, even supplicating. Women often use tag questions more. They'll end a sentence with, "Isn't it? Doesn't she? Aren't you?" And, sometimes, they'll couch a sentence in double and triple requests. Instead of, "Take out the garbage," a woman might ask, "Would you please take out the garbage, if you don't mind?"

How can an M2F practice developing a female voice? Study soap operas. Repeat aloud the female lines and try to sound like the character does.

Maureen reminds us that, "All generalizations are false. There are exceptions to every rule on how men and women speak. Stereotypes are inaccurate, unjust and dangerous."

Melanie Yarborough

Terry Murphy and Max Anderson
Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen

Another consensus seemed to be that the TG community has reached, by 1997, critical mass. The communications revolution of e-mail and the Internet which is reshaping America, has also helped to bring us together as a community. Thanks to the net, we know there are a lot more of us out there than we thought, that we're a very, very diverse crowd, and that we need to unite. The question now is, will we?

Unity does not mean fusion. We will always be a hodgepodge conglomerate of many different interests. Rather, unity means our developing a commonality of purpose. We already know our differences: TV vs. TS, M2F vs. F2M, gay-identified vs. hetero-identified, focused groups vs. diverse groups, closeted vs. open, passable vs. non. But what are our commonalties?

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CAL UNITY CLOSE-UP: The Masculinities Program

"The Dark Side of Masculinity" was one of many presentations at the Masculinities Program. Among the panelists were three F2Ms as well as a psychiatrist whose previous work of counseling non-TS men on the psychological side-effects of steroids (and related hormonal drugs), led him to counseling F2Ms, on both the welcomed and unwelcomed psychological affects of testosterone. The three F2Ms addressed both the influences of testosterone on emotion and behavior, and those of the social roles scripted for men into which they had been beckoned or pushed.

The therapist, Dr. Guy Baldwin, spent most of his time discussing the varied ways in which different types of testosterone have affected his F2M clients, both positively and negatively. His basic observations being that 1) a person on 'T' is much quicker to respond emotionally; 2) it's like living with a magnifying glass held over the emotions most prevalent in a person already; 3) an unpredictability factor—today's strong feelings of affection could be tomorrow's seething rage. He compared the effects to a loose cannon, one which might not have been, so 'loose' if it had been 'tightened' slowly since adolescence. "Behavior modification becomes mandatory," he said.

The other panelists, L.R. Smithline, Jacob Hale, and JordyJones each had different ideas of what the "dark side of masculinity" was. Some aspects of the male role, while at times seductive, one panelist said, could be seen consciously, and taken or left, such as suddenly being spoken to by men with greater respect and by women with degrees of deference. Another panelist discussed worst-case examples of harassment and rape under shadows of confusion or (attempts at) justification, such as a drunken "birthday surprise" rape of a woman hosting a party and two F2Ms wrestling another to the ground nonconsensually in order to inspect his penis. Baldwin pointed out that, as F2Ms go through a form of adolescence again in adulthood, they learn the public and mythological components of life as a man, but rarely the private component, learned in boyhood by non-F2M men. Smithline noted that, for whatever reason, "turf wars" will usually be a part of male life, whether subtle or blatant, and it's important to know how to end these fights. "Boys learn how to end fights," he said, if they struggle with each other over dominance or ownership, and F2Ms must learn to do the same so as to avoid lasting resentment or out-of-control situations. Although the panel brought up all manner of thoughts about the social male role and the experience of living within, without, or on the edges of it, the subject of testosterone kept inevitably popping up, as though everyone in the room was still largely unsure to what degree it affected behavior on the bottom line, yet completely sure that it was capable of doing so potentially.

Frankie Hill, American Boyz

Linda, Yvonne and Jen
Photo: Marlette Pathy-Allen

Whatever different individuals might believe they are, most would agree they include: Legal protection from employment discrimination; lobbying city, county, state and federal government for civil rights legislation; educating the public; reaching transgendered youth; developing a network of providers of transgender goods and services; having common forums to exchange ideas and accrue data.

One important idea brought out in the conference was the role of F2Ms as a legitimizing force. As long as it was men becoming women, they could be scorned as stepping down from the position of power and privilege to become second class citizens (or as Kate Bornstein once put it, "We're their clowns"). However, as genetic females stepped up to become men, it forced many to rethink the sexist structure of our society. Someone at the conference remarked that it showed "This isn't just a guy thing. It's an everybody thing." And feminists and lesbians who may have felt no particular kinship to the transgender movement suddenly had to confront situations of their friends and lovers transitioning to men. ➔

CAL UNITY CLOSE-UP: The 11TH Annual Transgender Awards Ceremony

The 11th Annual Transgender Awards Ceremony, hosted by IFGE, was presented at California Unity, Saturday, April 19, 1997. Sharing the podium were the first annual FTM International Awards.

The 1997 Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award went to Eve Burchert. Since joining Tri-Ess in 1965, Eve has been an articulate public spokesperson for the gender community, making over 200 appearances on television, before university and college classes, professional seminars, and groups of law enforcement officers.

The Trinity Awards acknowledge heroes and heroines, people who have performed extraordinary acts of love and courage. Recipients can be community members or non-members, medical or mental health professionals, or even organizations and services. The 1997 Trinity Awards were presented to TG activist Nancy Nangeroni, Crossport past-president, Linda Buten, and sexologist Vern Bullough, Ph.D.

The *Transgender Tapestry* Editor's Choice Awards were created to honor positive portrayals of the transgender community in mainstream media. This year winners *were Xena: Warrior Princess* ("Here She Comes... Miss Amphipolis"); *Nash Bridges* (Episode #5, 4/19/96, Javelin Catcher); Loren Cameron (**Body Alchemy**, Cleis Press).

The Partners in Diversity Award for corporations and organizations that have taken a proactive stance toward the inclusion of gender-orientatin and other diversity in the workplace. The 1997 Partners in Diversity Award was presented to the Xerox Corporation.

The FTM International Community Service/Outreach Awards honor those who have given whole-heatedly to the betterance and furtherance of transgendered and transsexual lives, especially those issues pertaining to trans men. 1997's winners were: The FTM International Pride Award, Loren Cameron; The FTM International Outreach Award, Jason Cromwell.

Another key idea which came out was that unity means getting the right people into the right jobs. We have so much talent already within our ranks: fund-raisers, lobbyists, educators, activists, accountants, journalists, peer counselors, even co-medians. There are many natural-born fund-raisers who wouldn't make good organizers. And there are many good organizers who wouldn't make good lobbyists. And so on. The trick is to steer those people into doing what they do best. Everyone has something they're good at, either through professional experience or personal talent. So many us can be offering so much! But it means not just passive volunteerism of blindly offering to do anything and winding up doing nothing, but active volunteerism of looking for a niche for one's particular talent. Ask not what the T-community can do for you.

For some, it's enough to be able to play dress-up at support group meetings once a month. Others are content to sit back in apathy or snipe from the sidelines. However, if that's all those TGs want, they have no right to complain if they lose their jobs when they're outed. Or if they're read at a shopping mall and humiliatingly thrown out. Or if their spouses divorce them because there was no counseling network there for them. Or if they're attacked by transphobic teenagers raised on talk shows that depict us as freaks.

If people in this community don't start making decisions for our future (i.e. unity) now, others will be more than happy to do so. Like talk show hosts who portray us as freaks. Or legislators who feel we don't deserve civil rights protection. Or judges who say we have no redress when our jobs are terminated. Or the thugs who murdered Brandon Teena. The TG community has reached critical mass. But where do we go from here?

Melanie Yarborough

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CAL UNITY CLOSE UP: A Cruise to Remember

The 1997 International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) Convention on the *Queen Mary* was indeed a transgender cruise, a fantasy come true. Just imagine the joy of being en femme for several days in the setting of this magnificent ship. Picture the burled cherry paneling everywhere, teak decks, the long sweeping curve of the ship visible down the long passageways of staterooms, curtained port holes in the cabins, precision fit cabinetry, large adjustable air ducts, oversize bath tubs, and understated luxury everywhere in the form of 1930s art deco paintings and murals of wood, brass and copper. Add this setting with feminine beauty and you have a fabulous combination for over 300 IFGE convention attendees from throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

I think my walks with friends on the upper decks each day in the gentle sea breeze and sunshine, and the dancing and socializing at night are my most vivid memories of the event.

The convention consisted of classes morning and afternoon Thursday, through Saturday, separated by excellent luncheons with guest speakers and followed by great parties in the evenings. For me, the Friday lunch featuring authors Mildred *Brown (True Selves -Understanding Transsexualism)*, J.J. Allen (*The Man in the Red Velvet Dress*) and Rachel Miller (*The Bliss of Becoming One!*) was the most interesting since each made a brief literary presentation followed by a book signing

The evening sessions on Friday and Saturday were both formal affairs. The Friday party was The California Dreamin' Dinner sponsored by PPOC (Powder Puffs of Orange County). It consisted of entertainment in the form of monologues, stand up comedy and dancing. There was also dancing each night in the Observation Lounge at the front of the ship.

While we were meeting on the *Queen Mary*, the 85th Anniversary Committee for the Sinking of the Titanic were also holding a convention. As the days passed, it was interesting to see socializing develop between members of the two groups as they became more comfortable with us and wanted to know more about us. There was much sharing of information in many great conversations on both voyages (us and the *Titanic*) in the Observation lounge. Somehow, crossdressers and their spouses seem to draw people in to their circles and create bonding. In the case of the Dignity cruise, it was a group of golfers and a group of dentists. By the time the cruise ends, everyone is laughing and talking together having learned about each other and having come to accept each other. We seem to have magnetic effects on others because we have had the courage to openly express who we are and be proud of it.

I must say that this was the most unique and certainly one of the most fun and memorable convention I have ever attended.

Cheryl, President North West Gender Alliance

E.J. Gold, shamantic crossdresser.

Great Moments in TG History

An Experiment in Crossdressing

E. J. Gold

[California human potentials guru E.J. Gold, author of The American Book of the Dead *(Harper-Collins) is a lifelong crossdresser. So are many of the scientific, cultural and spiritual celebrities who have visited his Sierra Mountains retreat. Several times over the years, E.J., as his friends call him, has used crossdressing as the basis of exercises and workshops for both men and women in order to deepen participants' personal insight and growth. In the following article, E.J. Gold recounts the very first time he incorporated crossdressing into the curriculum.]*

In 1971 I used to eat on Hollywood Boulevard at *Zeki Turk's*, a Turkish restaurant run by one of the drummers from the *Greek Village*.

A few days later, Zeki and I fell into a conversation around the idea that people feel threatened by many things which are not overtly aggressive. He commented that the core of ego threat is sexual threat. I hadn't heard about ego threat and asked him to explain it to me. He'd been studying the variety of ways in which people can be threatened, depending on what the ego is fixated on. He explained that if you threaten the fixation, you threaten the ego. If you threaten the ego, you threaten the sense of identity, and if you threaten the sense of identity, you threaten the protective network which shields the fear, and so on and so on. I was very intrigued by his explanation which I've abbreviated here much too simply.

One morning I found a man waiting at my table, opposite my seat. He introduced himself as Ricky Renee, one of the great female impersonators. He worked in *Regine's*, the most famous drag shop in Paris.

We talked about threats-sexual threats and gender identity threats—and as we conversed, I realized that these ideas might prove to be very useful work tools, and I determined to try them on myself. (My policy has always been that push and shove is fair in the context of working on oneself because falling indicates weakness and the necessity of work in that area and I have always considered myself just as shovable as anyone else.)

I invited Ricky Renee to the Cosmo Street office to lecture to the groups on working drag shops and the difference between *street drag* and impersonation. "Impersonation is professional, street drag is amateur," he explained. "Impersonation has at most a tenuous connection with homosexuality, and often none at all. Many female impersonators are entirely heterosexual, whereas street drag is the trademark of the street homosexual."

Ricky Renee proposed that the entire group get up in drag: male drag for women and female drag for men. Women had no problem at all with crossdressing; they do it all the time, whenever they feel like it.

The logic of this is bizarre: Why is it that a woman can get out of a skirt and put on a pair of pants, but a man can't get out of a pair of pants and put on a skirt? It doesn't make sense! A woman can put on a wig or a little makeup and go out in public, but a man is culturally not allowed to put makeup on, and only certain types of wigs are acceptable.

Yet, just prior to this culture, men often wore more makeup than women and in addition they wore stockings, skirts and showed lots of leg. So it's clearly just cultural convention we're considering violating, not reality. Cultural convention is a thin veneer of civilization, and yet look at the power that it has! As soon as you cross gender, as you have today, look at all the impaction that hits upon you. If you feel like getting into a skirt and a blouse, wearing some earrings, a little makeup and some pearls, why shouldn't you?

Photos: Courtesy E.J. Gold.

World-famous impersonator Ricky Renee (left photo) instructs Toni Paulson on the finer points of street drag as opposed to theatrical drag at *Zeki Turk's Caliph's Table*, Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, circa 1969.

In this culture, men can wear a toupee but not a wig. They can wear silk or nylon or spandex underwear, but this is relatively recent. They can also wear bikini underwear if it's made for men and not for women. And this too is extremely recent—bikini underwear for men has not been around for a very long time.

Ricky Renee spoke of the impact of modern culture and the artificial gender separation that has taken place slowly over the years. He brought up the fact that crossdressing was not only acceptable in the past, it wasn't even a question.

On the chosen day, we

Photos: Courtesy E.J. Gold.

Former beauty pageant queen Toni Paulson prepares crossdressed men and women for the great "experiment in crossdressing", Los Angeles, California, circa 1969.

shaved our legs, plucked our eyebrows and got into very serious drag, and, as Ricky pointed out, we experienced what a woman must do every single day in order to fulfill the demands made on her by male society. She must conform to an acceptable image in order to reassure men that there is a difference between the sexes, when in reality there is absolutely no discernible difference between male and female, not even plumbing.

Ricky said that men are so alienated from womanhood and view it from such a distance that they naturally exaggerate everything in their attempts to mimic it. He warned us that for a long time to come we would create a caricature of a female. Ricky advised us to be aware of the tendency to exaggerate hysterical, silly, overblown female cartoon characteristics.

He explained, "It's typical of men who fear women to exaggerate the differences, because they don't see how close the genders really are. They pick an archetype of womanhood which is bitchy, hysterical and mean, because they think women are really like that, and that's what they model themselves after. *You become what you most fear.*

"The object is to behave just like yourself, to change nothing whatever," he said, "and therein lies your work. At the moment you are trying to bring yourself into alignment with what you *think* is female, but the fact is, everything you do naturally as a man is quite female enough.

During the entire lecture he focused solely on the men because, as I said, the women already felt completely comfortable and didn't exaggerate in their cross gender mimicry. He continued to say that it is important to realize that in female drag—which a woman has to get into every day just to look different for the men's sake—you're going to want to match your manifestations to the clothes, and in doing so you will deny your female nature. Your work is going to lie completely in bringing your manifestations back to normal; in catching yourself exaggerating the feminine and cartooning, going off into caricature. You'll catch yourself a thousand times in caricature and you must come back from that to the place where you are naturally already female.

"Now for your first lesson," he said, "we're going to go out on the street. You'll only get away with it if you act natural. As soon as you exaggerate, everyone will penetrate your disguise."

Ricky Renee got into street drag and pointed out the differences between it and theatrical drag. Street drag is more demanding. For instance, he showed us how to get cleavage by using a rubber ball here to push this up and then take a Spalding ball cut in half, build nipples out of latex so that you could go almost bare breasted. If you put a little rouge on the nipple area, you could even wear a voile top.

Then we hit the street, took one turn down Hollywood Boulevard and around the block and came back up to the Cosmo Street office. We sat down and Ricky critiqued the characters, pointing out where each one had launched himself off into a cartoon. He said, "This is your denial of your complete sexuality. You're neither male nor female, and whenever you launch yourself into a cartoon, you deny your true self." He wasn't just referring to the physical.

Interesting, isn't it, that such an idea should come from someone working in a drag shop as a female impersonator? Everyone knows what froth-brains they are... no brains, no deep thoughts, just frivolous and freaked-out. Everyone knows that anyone in the theater goes into it because they don't want to work for a living.

"Now we're going to take a harder test," Ricky directed. "We're going to walk all the way down Hollywood Boulevard to La Brea, a mile and a half, turn left on La Brea and go to Arthur J's, a hang-out for gays in street drag. If you can get away with it there, you can get away with it anywhere.

"You have an hour-and-a-half to get yourself together here at the office," he said, "or be forced to get it together on the street at a sailor's knife point." He wasn't joking either. Vic and I were followed for two blocks by a couple of sailors. They were looking for some female action and we were it. It took us four tries to get rid of them.

We learned on the street how much abuse a woman takes from men. They are pinched, grabbed, bumped and assailed with the filthiest comments. It's non-stop harassment. In one block a woman might be harassed twenty times, and not just with rude remarks, but with aggressive attacks on their body. One guy gave Ken, a massive lifeguard, the old street corner bump, and BOOM! the guy was sent reeling six feet backwards and slammed against a traffic control box. He just hung there, dazed, and Ken walked on. "A blow struck for womanhood on behalf of all women everywhere!" he cried triumphantly.

Believe me, by the time we got to Arthur J's the exaggerations had died down to a minimum and everybody was pretty natural, but all of us had felt some moments of real fear on the street. Safely snuggled into our booth at Arthur J's, surrounded by other men in drag, Ricky asked "What was the fear about, what was it actually?"

One of our fellows replied that he was afraid his disguise would be penetrated, and he would be found to be a man underneath. Everyone else expressed a different fear: they were terrified to be a woman on the street.

Ricky then asked, "If you didn't have to get into drag everyday, do you think you would?" Unanimously, we answered that it had felt dangerous to be a woman out there; the animals take it seriously, and womanly behavior is like waving a red flag in front of a bull.

He then asked, "If you were women, would you get dressed up in public?" Everyone said no, they'd dress as modestly as they could and try to attract as little attention as possible, because women are not respected. Moreover, they all felt that if they were being harassed by a man, even though other men witnessing this might feel badly about it, they still would not come to their rescue.

These big, brawny men were terrified on the street, but at Arthur J's, surrounded by drag queens, they felt safely at home.

"Now you know why they come off the street into a place of safety, where they don't get harassed," Ricky said. "I'll show you the places where women-not men in drag-go to as refuges of safety.

A week later we got up in the best drag we could manage and went around the city to places where women gather, unharassed by men. Ricky took us to department stores where women go to enjoy themselves knowing that the department store management will protect them and that the environment of the store itself acts as a protective mechanism against the worst of

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"Woman in the Mirror,"

& the "Forgotten Voice of the Female Partner," & Other Gender Journeys

Interview: Sandra Cole, Ph.D.

Sandra S. Cole, Ph.D., is Professor and Director of the University of Michigan Medical Center's Comprehensive Gender Services Program. The CGSP is a unique facility serving all the hues in the gender rainbow. The CGSP provides a full range of care from initial evaluation, full mental health services, primary health care, and for transsexuals goes all the way through sex reassignment surgery. It offers support groups, couples and family counseling, and a broad range of other services. Dr. Cole has been actively involved with the transgender community since 1982, on both a local and national level. Her primary work has focused on wives and partners of all transgendered individuals (M2F and F2M). Dr. Cole is an AASECT certified sex educator and counselor and past president of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT). Dr. Cole's current research is on Health Care needs of the TG Community and on Experiences of Exploitation and Violence in the Community. She has published widely, authoring book chapters and journal articles, abstracts, reviews, and audio-visual materials. Dr. Cole is the recipient of many awards from the TG community, including awards from IFGE, the Human Outreach and Achievement Institute, Crossroads, Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, Iowa Artistry and others. She is a member of IFGE, AEGIS and the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association, Inc. Recently she led the special Spouses and Significant Others Program at California Unity, the combined 1997 IFGE/California Dreamin' conference. Shortly afterward, Dr. Cole spoke movingly with Transgender *editor-in-chief, Jean Marie Stine, about her efforts in behalf of the female spouses and partners of M2F transgendered individuals, and about the services provided at the University of Michigan's CGSP. She also offered some telling words of advice for M2F CDs, TGs and TSs looking for partners willing to share their "gender journey," or living with female partners they hope will share that journey with them.*

Transgender: *We understand that the Comprehensive Gender Studies Program takes a different approach than other clinics and transgender service agencies.*

Cole: The Comprehensive Gender Services Program (CGSP) at the University of Michigan Medical center is, as far as we know, a unique program that serves the TG community, individuals and their families, in mental health, primary care, and surgical services of all types. In addition, we have community organizations that work jointly with us, offering services which enhance the gender journey. We include a school of electrolysis, myomassologists (massage therapists), reflexologists, speech and language therapy, aestheticians, cosmetologists, full service salons, bookstores, the local gay/lesbian/TG bar, the GLBT programs office at the central campus, dentists, a pharmacy that is gender-friendly for filling prescriptions for hormones, and on and on. We work in a comprehensive team program so that when someone calls our office they're screened and interviewed. If appropriate, they are given an intake interview, and then assigned to a mental health therapist. At the CGSP, we don't use terms like 'dysfunction' or 'dysphoria.' We call it the 'gender journey' because there's no expected outcome or rigid process. We are members of the Harry Benjamin Society and we use the Benjamin standards as recommended guidelines. Each case is individualized. So there's absolutely no rigidity in our program, no specified length of time or number of visits a person has to make to this specialist or that before they can go on to the next step. CGSP and the University of Michigan Medical Center have adopted their own standards of care, reflecting the Benjamin standards and the UMMC standards of excellence and quality assurance of health care service delivery. We have what's called a 'virtual office,' which means that we have tried very hard not to have a 'building' where all of the team works together in one place. Centralizing a facility like that could make the CGSP and its clients vulnerable to prejudice and a target for genderphobic

responses. Our services are spread throughout the hospital, medical campus, central campus, and community. All the providers of services in our program have come to the CGSP and asked to be a part of CGSP services. They in turn provide these services through their already established offices and clinics. In terms of running a program, that arrangement translates into a much lower operating cost than leasing or buying a separate building. Fees are lower or competitive with others in the country because clients can just simply go to appointments all over the campus.

Transgender: Does the CGSP work primarily with transsexuals or crossdressers or both?

Cole: We work with the entire spectrum of people who have gender questions, who are conflicted or concerned in any way. The CGSP works with everyone, wherever they on that spectrum, at whatever point in time, individuals who have questions or concerns, from crossdressers and transgenderists, all the way through transsexuals. And we stay with them whereever their gender journey realistically takes them. The one thing that's very different about the CGSP is that in other cities around the country the scarce resources for the transgendered are scattered around piecemeal. It's not possible to just call up one central location and say, "I would like to enter the program because I am transsexual and may be a candidate for sex reassignment surgery," and have all your needs, from psychological evaluation to support groups, cosmetiticians, the prescription of hormones, and even surgery coordinated through one central program. For someone who believes they are transsexual, for instance, we would require review of all existing medical and mental health records. If the person hasn't had adequate medical care, such as regular primary health care, which is so often the case in "genderland," we would do a complete medical evaluation. We would want to be sure that the person is in good health, that any hormones they take have no medical ill effects on their body and the dosage is safe for them. In some cases, we have had clients come in who were taking unprescribed hormones or hormones from the black market. We want to be certain that there are no other systemic problems, either hereditary or just from natural aging, that might impact health or hormones. We would then evaluate them psychologically. Many times people think that having surgery will fix their entire world. But all it really does is make someone feel more congruent with themselves after many years of carefully-planned preparation. We want to avoid disappointment and tragedy after surgery because someone doesn't have realistic expectations. A lot of times, people get frustrated with a careful process that takes time, either because they are impatient or because they are not used to going to doctors for medical and mental health assistance. Some may have been to an endocrinologist for hormones, and the physician may not have much personal involvement with their whole history. Some haven't been seeing counselors for their gender issues and may inappropriately obtain their approval letters for surgery. CGSP offers lifetime wellcare and aftercare post-surgery, which isn't usually available in other places. So, our gender journey with the patient at the CGSP is extremely comprehensive and quite unique.

Sandra Cole PhD.

Transgender: Much attention in the gender community has been focused on the inner struggles of male-to-female crossdressers and transsexuals. You have focused much of your own personal efforts on the inner struggles of their wives and partners. Why do you call this, "the forgotten journey of the female partner"?

Cole: The voices of the women who learn or discover they are pretendered with crossdressers or transsexuals are not really distinctly heard or understood in the way that really supports the long-term viability of the relationship. Nor does it support the beginning of her own experience with her partner's gender journey, which starts many years after her partner's childhood awareness of being transgendered. So, in the larger TG conferences like SPICE, Southern Comfort, and this year's IFGE national convention in Long Beach, I have dedicated my time to offering small group discussions and other supportive, self-help, educational work with the wife/partner. We women try to pool our creative skills and our awareness, and to share our experiences, feelings and perceptions with each other. I try to assist these women in exploring what some of their own issues might be. Sometimes these issues have exclusively to do with their partner being TG. But frequently they concern a woman's own personal history. As you know, anything TG sometimes tends to get amplified way out of proportion to situations like family, church, community, neighbors, relatives, jobs, etc. We try to help each other with ways to become more proactive, how to interact in a more positive way. I try to help destigmatize the presence of transgender and assist them in integrating TG into a realistic place in the relationship for that particular couple. It's been a profoundly important experience for all of us, I believe.

Transgender: What ultimately determines how a woman reacts when she discovers her partner is a crossdresser or a transsexual?

Cole: I think how she learns, when she learns, and from whom she learns are critical factors in how available she will be to accommodate the presence of transgender in the relationship with some kind of peace, harmony and satisfaction. When a woman has been partnered or married, perhaps for many years, and then suddenly learns of a husband's lifelong crossdressing or wanting to be a woman, her feelings of anger, fear, anxiety, and betrayal are common. Since she has been kept in ignorance of this part of him through the entire relationship, she has been developing one "picture" of who he is and who she is and who "they" are. And her partner, of course, has another "picture" entirely. She's also been socialized to have an expectation of what life would be like as an adult: Usually marriage, a career, family, everything perfect. And because she's totally uninformed or unaware about transgender issues, there's no place in her "picture" for a transgendered partner. All she

may know about transgender or crossdressing is the outrageous end of the transgender spectrum they feature on talk shows. And since crossdressers commonly come out later on in life, usually a whole life pattern has already been established between her and her partner: career, a place in the community, children, habits of recreation, friendships, family, and so on. Most of society is pretty much uninformed about TG, so she may feel she doesn't have any one to consult or any coping skills to work with. Because of the personal values that she has developed and internalized she may be shocked, and perhaps repulsed, or frightened on learning. For, like all the rest of society, she has been taught that anything that isn't common and mainstream is variant or deviant. To have her whole life complicated or destroyed with exposure to something that might be seen as deviant is very frightening to partners, as it would be to anyone. And when there are children involved, her first instinct will be to protect them from harm—emotional or any other kind. So the woman may be very distinctly realistically and REASONABLY alarmed when she discovers this. She experiences a CLEARLY understood feeling of deception, disloyalty, that there has been a large breech of faith. Naturally, she asks herself questions like, "What else don't I know? I've given my life to you and (perhaps) born your children. Now, there's this whole other part of you I don't know."

Transgender: What do these women find most difficult about accepting their partner's transgenderism?

Cole: They find it very hard to understand why their partners never told them about it, kept it secret. I try to help wives and partners consider that the TG may have been frightened that if the truth were known, they would be rejected by the person they love the most. That in the TG partner's eyes, the secret was kept both for their own protection and for that of the relationship. A TG's wife/partner may not comprehend that intent in the early stages of her discovery. Women in our culture are socialized to anticipate the betrayal of affairs, and that they may have to compete with other women who are viewed as predators to the relationship. But women are not socialized to anticipate competing with, what I would call affectionately, the "woman in the mirror," the other, secret part of her TG partner. One day, out of the blue, a wife has this profound experience of transgender information confronting her, without any tools to help her navigate her way through the emotional complexities. Furthermore, her TG partner may inadvertently and unwisely compound matters by saying, well-meaningly enough, "Well, now that you know, let's go to the mall and shop for a new dress for me!" The TG partner may not realize that while they have known about, and been learning to accept, their TG nature since childhood, the wife/partner has just been walloped by it and is probably experiencing an emotional crisis. We all experience emotional trauma at some point or other in life. The profound intensity of its first impact may not last a long time. But it does take a while to learn to become familiar with, and learn to integrate and accommodate, or reject, something like a partner's crossdressing when you feel you've been blind-sided by it.

Transgender: What would you advise spouses or couples in such a situation?

Cole: Find a gender-experienced counselor or therapist who can work with them in their journey right away. Such couples need support and skilled guidance as they begin to discuss these issues, so they can learn and understand from each other on a positive and beneficial way—a therapist who is equally sensitive to both of them and each of their needs. I have been told by women for years that many times when they go to counseling with their TG partners— because they want to keep the family together; because they don't know what to do; because they're at a loss; because they're frightened; because they don't know how long or how far this thing is going to take their partner—when they get there, instead of addressing their own acute concerns, much of the counseling seems focused on their TG partner. Now surely, the TG partner needs a lot of respectful attention to validate and help them feel safe and good about themselves through the learning experiences that occur in counseling. But all too often, women say they feel that the expectation from both their spouse and the counselor is that the wife quickly jump on the gender bandwagon and help her partner. Meanwhile, she's still in an emotionally traumatic place in her own heart. So, in my workshops, these women tell me they really appreciate having some focus on themselves without the expectation that they need to be fixed or do any fixing. The desire to participate will come naturally, if at all, once a woman has an opportunity to learn and sort things out. Only then can she have the ability to step back and consider the true spirit of her TG partner; only then can she evaluate the things she is truly attracted to and holds precious in the relationship. Very, very often these desired qualities turn out to originate from the distinctly feminine side in her partner (whatever masculine and feminine means). A good therapist will consider listening to whatever concerns, issues and personal history of the female partner might impact further on her concerns about the relationship. It is extremely important to attempt to understand and fully respect the wife/partner's experiences and her responses to her TG partner.

So my advice to crossdressers and other male-to-female TGs is, PLEASE be honest with your partners. Even though it's scary.

Transgender: What kind of concerns and personal history could a woman have that might complicate such a relationship?

COLE: I'll give you a classical example: If the wife grew up in a divorced family, she could easily have childhood fears and expectations of being betrayed or abandoned by a major change. Or perhaps there was someone in her family who was an alcoholic. Or she may have been raped, sexually exploited, or a victim of incest (1 in 3 women have experienced some kind of sexual exploitation by the time they're 13-15 years-old). So when her partner comes home and announces that they are a crossdresser, transgenderist or transsexual, she may experience a triggering of this other, absolutely unanticipated memory and feeling of betrayal about the person she loves. It can trigger earlier traumas she's experienced and perhaps never was able to process. It is very, very crucial for everyone involved—the woman, her spouse and the therapist—to honor those life experiences and work through them during counseling. Many times women will say that they don't receive that kind of counseling from therapists, even thought the therapist is genuinely concerned and trying.

Transgender: Many single male-to-female TGs, especially those who have been rejected for it by a previous partner, express concern about how to tell if a potential mate will be TG-friendly and how to introduce the topic when a new relationship starts to develop.

Cole: My impression is that the women who are attracted to TG individuals, but who don't yet know that the person is TG, are actually attracted to deeper qualities that include the TG components. So, I strongly urge being genuinely honest at the beginning at the relationship—not necessarily the first contact, but at the beginning of any sign of seriousness in a relationship. That way the relationship has a healthy opportunity to develop, including the special TG elements. There's no formula of where to go to find a TG-friendly woman that will guarantee she's got the appropriate attributes. I think that risk-taking and self-confidence enough to share about being TG with a potential partner is critical to a healthy future together. I also believe a pulse is developing as a new voice in the community, for the couples where the TG component really works. Transgender becomes a passionate part of the relationship, creating an electric, dynamic synergy between them that is, as I say, very "hot." Honesty and self-disclosure on the part of the TG partner creates trust at a deep level, so that the woman feels an empowerment and expansion of her own experience femininity. She becomes available to experience the broad spectrum of her own sexuality and gender expression, that many

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Just Like a Woman, Redux

Monica Jay's Moving Farewell to Gerald/ine

Gerald had come to my house a fugitive in search of shelter, having been turned away from his own home by the wife he had loved. He had lost her and his children too, a man bereaved and made homeless overnight.

For he, who was later to become my lover and was so beautifully masculine in every way, a fighter and a leader, was also a cross-dresser, a transvestite. At regular intervals, about three or four times a week, he had felt the compelling need to strip himself of all his male clothing and transform himself into a female; he would shower and shave himself meticulously, and prepare himself for the big change-over. He would put on soft female clothing and adorn himself in a dark curly wig, and call himself Geraldine, and bid good-bye temporarily to Gerald and all his cares.

At first I had thought it funny and a big joke. But I had been in love with him already, with Gerald the man, so darkly attractive, a man beautiful in shape and movement. So that, in spite of my puzzlement at his transformations, I was drawn to him irresistibly, as the moth to the light.

Yet it was not just his crossdressing which I found so baffling—anyone can change their clothing! But Gerald changed into Geraldine completely. He felt himself to be such a different person altogether, a relaxed and happy female looking at the world from quite a different angle to Gerald, never mind how troubled he was. A beautiful escape from the cares of Gerald's world. As time progressed and I got to know him better, I often envied him this ability to escape, if just for awhile, into another, happier person, unencumbered and carefree and utterly at peace.

Even so, Gerald had known full well that he could not allow Geraldine, his alter-ego, to have it all her own way. After all, where would it have led to? She would have wished to linger with me in self-indulgence, in softness and sweetness, and life just isn't like that! To the Gerald side of him, real life was out there among the men, and that meant pressure and demands on Gerald's masculinity and the conquering of a big business challenge: the chase, the battle. Yes, Gerald needed that battlefield; it proved to him that he was a real man, as good as any other.

And he was good at the battle. He fully accepted and endorsed the rules of the masculine game, having spent his boyhood in one of England's great public schools specializing in the breeding of leaders. There was nothing immoral in kicking out a competitor and causing him total ruin. But with the people who worked under him he was kind, always as long as they kept up with what was required of them. With a good employee he became the friendly boss, trusting, trustworthy, and benevolent.

Sometimes while Gerald was still with me, they both blended in my mind utterly into one, Gerald and Geraldine, as indeed they truly were. Though Gerald was no ordinary transvestite by any means, not a plain cross-dress-and-relax-man he! He was at the very extreme of the transvestite spectrum, an ultra-transvestite, changing his personality so totally and so completely, that even I found it difficult to think that Gerald was there somewhere, hidden inside the outer trappings of Geraldine. Nor could I believe, seeing Gerald before me in all his handsome, beguiling male charm, so expensively tailored, so meticulously turned out, that he was the one who would later that night become my female companion, my romantic lover-mistress, in the guise of Geraldine.

Once in a while we went to visit Pembrook Gardens just off the Earls Court Road in the Western part of London, a quiet Victorian crescent now studded with small hotels. There, downstairs in The Pembrook bar, we met with other transvestites, and Geraldine had shone among them, tall and striking. There had also been others on the scene, new to me and fascinating, the drag queens, for instance. They were gay men, so overdone and looking like something out of a pantomime, that they made femininity look wickedly funny, ridiculous. These drag queens were so different from the transvestites I knew who venerated women and longed to absorb the very essence of femininity and make it their own, if only for a little while as an escape.

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The TG Community at a Click - Almost!

The Electronic Whole Earth TV Resource Guide
(Eclipse Enterprises)

Reviewed by Sibly Whyte

Don't let the title mislead you. This guide is as much for the TS, with information on hormones, SRS surgeons, and therapists, as it is for crossdressers. Distributed on computer diskette by Eclipse Enterprises, the guide contains "350 pages of information, over twenty times our nearest competitor." *The Electronic Whole Earth TV Resource Guide* is intended as the ultimate guide for the beginning crossdresser or transsexual just plunking their pinkies into the water. Arranged by country, state, and city, the mere click of a mouse will provide such information as local organizations, TG-friendly bars and restaurants, salons, clothing stores, photographers, therapists, bookstores, hotels, electrologists, events, drag shows, and a good deal more. Also included are listings for Canada, Africa, Asia, Australia, France, Germany, South America, and other nations. All in all the guide is a rather impressive product. But be warned, some listings are as much as three years out of date; addressees have changed, or the enterprise has ceased to exist all together. And, although the guide claims it "includes female to male info," we found only one listing, and that was for FTM International. The American Boyz and such long-established organizations as the North Hampton group are conspicuous by their absence. However, for newcomers looking for quick references at a click, *The Electronic Whole Earth TV Resource Guide* is a bargain. (Contact ECLIPSE678@AOL.COM)

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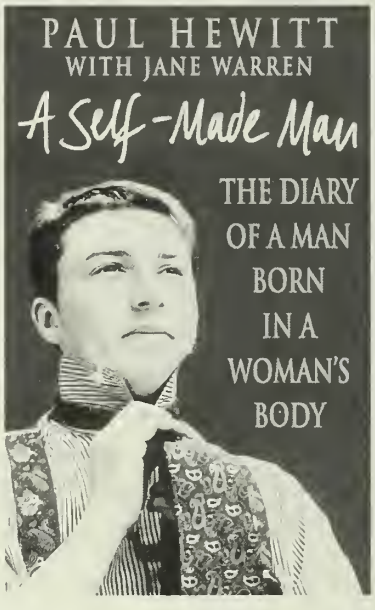
F2M Bio

A Self-Made Man:
The Diary of a Man Born in a Woman's Body
by Paul Hewitt with Jane Warren (Trafalgar Square)

Reviewed by Frankie Hill

Slowly but surely the list of autobiographies by female-to-male transsexuals is catching up to that of those written by their male-to-female sisters. *A Self-Made Man* is the work of Paul Hewitt, a British F2M who, being unable to escape a period of time spent as a "professional transsexual," took up the reins and published the diary of his two-year-long transition. His collaborator was Jane Warren, a writer who worked with Paul to create what seems like a combination of his actual diary and a dialogue with readers as to what being a contemporary British F2M is like.



A Self-Made Man appears to be targeted toward mainstream audiences, and gives an in-depth, first-person account of Paul's transition. It describes how the British legal and medical systems deal with transition, and scatters insights throughout the book that could apply to F2Ms or TSs in general anywhere. Some just beginning to think about their own possible transition, may stumble on it and find Paul's diary an excellent starting point, and a good book to hand to family members or friends when they get tired of talking or don't know what to say.

Its usefulness and poignancy to readers not in need of an introduction to TS or F2M life shouldn't be overlooked. The real content of the author's diary lies clearly visible behind his initial layer of self-and-TS-introduction. The parts of the book taken directly from his real diary are the most vibrant, showing his writing to be the point of stability throughout his transition. Paul omits no detail of either his tumultuous life or the range of emotions it provokes, from his first, anxiety-filled decision to come out at work and crossdress on the job. He faced copious other challenges: changing his name, dealing with the media, quitting his job and trying to survive, entering journalism school as a man, his efforts to meet women and his string of relationships with them, maintaining his connection to his family, learning how to be perceived as a man in all manner of social situations. At the same time he makes no effort to hide his elation at all victorious points: the first shot of testosterone and the new hairs he counts, learning to use his mail-order prosthetic penis (later realizing with a laugh that he had been a bit too ambitious in selecting its size), and the constant unchanging support of his twin sister.

Almost every entry reveals the tension between his efforts to bolster his courage, as seen in his many pep talks, and the fears that would hold him back if he let them, which are evident in a number of his dreams and nightmares. Right after his second hormone shot, he dreams of fruitlessly searching a mirror for his reflection, only to find it materialize more feminine than ever and smiling at him. The book ends with the buildup, letdown, second buildup and final victory of his chest

surgery, and the state of peace and integrity in which he finally parts ways with the audience.

Such faults as the book has are due mostly to Paul's habit of repetition, some of which reads as if he is trying to justify or defend his thoughts. In practically every diary entry there is something he's already said several times before, such as who Tula is, or reminding us that he is a hot-blooded heterosexual man. Some repetition in a diary is to be expected. I enjoyed his excitedly keeping tabs on his body hair count and muscle growth, but at times he seemed to be 'looking at the camera,' and saying to the reader "I *am* such-and-such (horny, able to cry, a regular Joe, etc.), *after all...*" Some readers may become impatient, wanting to know about what he does or thinks as a hot-blooded hetero guy, or a regular Joe, rather than have him reintroduce himself as one over and over. Since he makes clear that he sees himself as having been placed in the wrong body, having a strong desire to 'pass' when in public, seeming to see his transsexuality as mostly a vehicle for, or an obstacle in the path of, his maleness, many readers will wonder whether or not he surmised that all F2Ms were like him, or if he was describing himself alone. Mr. Hewitt is an articulate ambassador of the F2M and TS communities, speaking with sensitivity and wit to what could include a potentially bigoted crowd of strangers as if they were already close enough as friends to read his personal diary. One hopes to see this book out on the shelves of mainstream bookstores like Barnes & Noble where he intends it to be.

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Deviant Is as Deviant Does: Black Gender "Criminals"

Honey, Honey, Miss Thang: Being Black, Gay, and on the Streets
by Leon E. Pettiway (Temple University Press)

Reviewed by Jody Norton

Leon E. Pettiway's *Honey, Honey, Miss Thang: Being Black, Gay, and on the Streets* consists of autobiographical narratives of five African-American, male-to-female cross-dressing, drug-addicted prostitutes (one in recovery) assembled as part of the field research for a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). In an introductory essay Pettiway, a professor of criminal justice at Indiana University, argues that academic sociology has too often effaced the material reality of its subjects' lives in order to present abstract theorizations based on statistical analyses. Criminologists and sociologists often lump people such as the five transgenders in this book into reductive, ideologically-loaded categories like "deviant," without any attempt to address their particularities. In contrast, Pettiway proposes "not only that deviant people live lives of value but that denying this premise does violence to our ability to conceptualize the lives of those we consider deviant." Noting the assumption that people like Shontae, China, Detra, Keisha, and Monique are criminals, and the tendency to explain this "criminality" in terms of defects of character or environment, Pettiway asks why the courage, faith, devotion, and creativity they reveal in their personal lives should be irrelevant to our sense of who they are. He states: "This book hopes to spark the recognition that the sum total of the deviant person's life and world view is more than his or her failure to socialize according to some prescribed set of norms."

The subjects' narratives are striking in contradictory ways. On one level, the variety of senses of self and gender is remarkable. One cannot simply dismiss these people as "drag queens," as though that meant the same thing in each case. On another level, it is remarkable how much the subjects—who come from stable, two-parent working-class families, as well as stereotypically impoverished and abusive backgrounds—seem drawn to a very similar set of life choices and behavior patterns. Each has gravitated to drugs and, sooner or later, to prostitution, consciously for economic reasons and for the rush of "the life," but unconsciously, perhaps, in order to reverse patterns of negative social valuation (prostitutes may be scorned by the wider society, but they are the stars of the street, and they have the earning power to prove it), and to achieve the satisfaction of complexly constructed needs for power. (It is noteworthy, for example, that Keisha asserts, "I play the woman role. That means I'm the boss. What I say goes.")

Why should there apparently be so few options for these subjects? To what extent do the effects of growing up in a virulently transphobic and misogynist society play themselves out as a paralysis of initiative? Does guilt become a self-fulfilling prophecy of punishment for some trans people? Pettiway is careful to acknowledge, "There are many transgendered individuals who do not use drugs and who do not subscribe to the fast life."

Yet, the book leaves the very strong impression that the subjects' choices are in many ways so strongly culturally determined as to amount almost to "fate." One subject, Shontae, reflects as follows: "I couldn't say that I did so and so because I grew up in a broken home or I was beat, you know. I think mine mainly came out of loneliness and being misunderstood. I felt as if...what society was saying was what you're supposed to be like. I was made to really feel guilty, because of my upbringing, because I didn't follow life as some expected me to."

Over and over, in this book, the lot of the working-class or subclass transgenders is to perform femininity for a social audience that is by turns hostile, amused, contemptuous, erotically attracted, and ultimately murderous. *Honey, Honey, Miss Thang* lets us share intimately in the lives of a particular subset of trans people for whom no comparable record exists. Professor Pettiway has given us an unforgettable, and powerful, gift.

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A Special Transgender Tapestry Symposium

There has been much controversy stirred up recently anent transgenders, gays and so-called "family values." Most of this rhetoric issued from those who feel that transgendered people and their gay and lesbian allies somehow represent a threat to families and that their existence is, in fact, antithetical to traditional "family values." To avoid lengthy side trips, we will skip over the question of whether such values were ever wide spread or were more than mere appearance (with infidelity, shotgun marriages, sexual dysfunction, spousal abuse, child abuse and incest common but swept under the table). The more germane question (often unasked and unanswered) is how transgender behavior actually impacts on families and family values. Are they truly antithetical, or might they, instead, be benign, compatible or even supportive? To answer this question we solicited many well-known community figures. Their responses appear in this issue and in the previous issue. This issue's participants are Sharon Saypen and Dallas Denny.

Sharon Saypen, Ed.D.:

It's very fashionable to talk about family values—who has them, who doesn't and that we used to have them once upon a time. We love to throw around generalizations and make judgments about what is good and what is bad and talk about the good old days when we had religion, integrity, charity, and social justice. The problem is that on the surface these things sound and look good, especially when we use them to make others seem wrong.

If we really want to know about how terrific humanity has been in terms of family values, one could say that until modern times, it was an upper class thing and much of it was more appearance than substance. If one is a student of history and literature, then one would be aware that thievery, rape and abuse of women and children, and war for power and money reigned throughout the centuries in the name of country and religion. The majority of humanity lived in poverty with little education until this century, yet there has been cumulative progress over time with consistent improvement of the human condition. We live today far better than we've ever lived and that is true for each succeeding generation. We just don't see it while we live it.

Throughout history there have always been people who lived their lives in ways that set an ethical example for those around them and which acted as the catalyst to improving the ways in which human being behaved. Their ethical values had to do with respect, nurturing, understanding, integrity, charity, and social awareness. These people came from all walks of life, all socioeconomic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. What made these people make a difference was their humanity—the belief in the goodness of man. They respected differences but worked to improve mankind. Some of the people are famous but most were

everyday people like you and me trying to improve the quality of life.

In juxtaposition to these people were those people who abused, destroyed, and controlled. It is no different today. Humanity runs the gamut from the most evil to the most altruistic; from those who exclude to those who include; from those who condemn to those who accept; from those who hate to those who love. What we're really talking about here is human values, not family values. Family values is a politically correct phrase to motivate those who like exclude others to vote for a specific political party so they can obtain power. It has little to do with true ethical imperatives, as many of those who chant the phrase don't live with ethical integrity.

Does "family values" mean only those who have families have values; does it mean that a man and a woman have to marry and then have children in order to have proper values? What about men who marry, have children, and abuse their wives and children? What about women who marry and neglect their children? Many who talk about family values don't live them. What they say and what they do are contradictory. Look at some of the behavior of our political leaders. Imagine what that teaches children—"say one thing, but do another."

To use the phrase "family values" may be exclusionary. It is easy to misconstrue and find a hidden agenda. Some might use the phrase as a euphemism for bias, censorship, discrimination, chauvinism. Can Catholics, Jews and Moslems practice the same "family values?" Therein lies the rub. Family values goes beyond ethics into cultural and religious orientation. Some cultures consider it a family value to have women's faces covered. Some cultures consider it a family value to hit children if they are disrespectful. In defining family values, one can be damned if you do or damned if you don't, depending on who's defining the value. It tends to negate the value of diversity.

Why not talk about ethics and the quality of life instead? Living in an ethical way teaches more to children and others with whom we interact than talking about family values. So I say we start a campaign to change this phrase to "ethical values," which does not have a negative valence. Aren't we about teaching children and others whom we meet in our lives honesty, charity, integrity, social concern, equality, love, sharing, respect, productivity? These values transcend "family." To have these values does not mean that you can't be transgendered, gay, black, Hindu, Chinese, poor, homeless, single, childless, etc. To have these values means you care about others, humanity, the world, and all the things in it; to have these values means you don't behave in ways that purposely hurt others or take away other people's freedom.

So what does "ethical values" have to do with being transgendered? NOTHING! I know people who consider themselves upright and religious who are married with children, who say they are God-fearing people, who say they are proponents of family values; yet they cheat on their spouse or they silently cheat in their business; they rarely interact with their children; they don't help an old lady who falls in the street; they don't give money to charitable causes. Some of these people are also transgendered. I also know upright people who live by a true ethical code; who live in honesty and charity; who instill a work ethic, responsibility, and accountability; who inspire creativity and knowledge. Some of these people are also transgendered. In fact I know a number of TG men who empower their employees, who respect their wives, and who inspire their children.

Unfortunately, some think that a transgendered person can't have proper "family values" ergo "ethical values." We know better. It is our imperative as individuals and as a community to help in changing the paradigm. It's time to re-examine humanity's history objectively and rethink what we are about.

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Human beings have always defined themselves as members of families or clans. Throughout history, families have consisted of assorted relatives including grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, parents, and siblings. The nuclear family—you know: Ward, June, Wally, and the Beaver—is but a couple of hundred years old, having come into existence at the convenience of the Industrial Revolution and having reached its pinnacle in the television family of the 1950s. This is the family the radical religious right calls the "traditional" family, but it is hardly traditional. It is a fiction, a composite taken from the television shows *Ozzie and Harriet, Leave It to Beaver, I Love Lucy,* and *Father Knows Best*. The right is hardselling this idealized vision of the nuclear family to anyone who will listen. Family Values. Copyright 1997, Jerry Falwell Ministries. Now a Paramount Motion Picture starring Glenn Close as Lucy, Hugh Grant as her husband Ricardo, and young Mickey Rooney as Little Ricky.

1950s style television families never really existed—or rather they did in a way, since real-life people attempted to emulate them—but life in this type of family was not as it was pictured on the Zenith. Sure, everything looked fine on the surface, Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver, young master Wallace, and little Theodore all living in the house on the corner, but it was all based on appearance. There was much turmoil under the surface. The black-and-white Motorola in the living room didn't tell us that Ward kept a mistress and about once a month would drink too much and work June over enough to send her to the hospital; that June was an alcoholic and had long had a thing going with Lumpy's mother; that Eddy Haskell's favorite hangout was the men's room at the bus station and in fact, that was where he met Wally; that the Beaver was a compulsive masturbator and the one who was stealing women's underwear from the neighborhood clotheslines, that Lumpy's father was sexually molesting his nine-year-old daughter. Face it: Ward was a philanderer and a sadist, June was an alcoholic and a bisexual, Eddie and Wally were gay, the Beaver was a budding transvestite and would one day seek sex reassignment, Lumpy's father was a pedophile, and Lumpy himself would buy the farm fighting a senseless and unjust war in Vietnam. The TV didn't tell us about June's DUIs, Wally's arrest for soliciting an undercover cop in the park, the juvenile proceedings against the Beaver when the police found hundreds of pairs of panties in his closet, or how Ward shanghaied Grandma and Grandpa Cleaver into Shady Rest Nursing Home.

The radical right is not pro-family at all, favoring a deviant 1950s Ward and June Cleaver lily-white sensibility that sacrifices substance for style. Rather than acknowledging its diversity and facing its problems, the "traditional" family of the radical right sweeps everything under the carpet. It ignores substance abuse; gives license to spousal and child abusers; keeps gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered folk in the closet; and gives us all a white, heterosexual middle-class barf-city "ideal" to emulate. It not only ignores the hundreds of thousands of years in which real families lived and worked together, but Orwells the extended family out of existence by using the term "traditional" to describe something that has not been around very long at all and doesn't exist in actuality anyway. Ultimately, the radical right's "traditional" family sacrifices not only the individual, but the family itself.

The true "traditional" family is the extended family, and I believe it is the model we should be working to preserve.

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SEX

REASSIGNMENT

SURGERY

M2F Reassignment Surgery:

A Premier

Ari Van Der Ven Bowman

No other topic brings more inquiries to IFGE as Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS). To find out about available options and choices, one of our contributing editors interviewed a number of top SRS surgeons. As we will see, SRS can be performed in many ways with very different results. We hope this knowledge will enable you to set your own priorities and find the right surgeon for you. The question of whether someone will be happier after SRS than before will be addressed in an upcoming article.

For those transitioning from male-to-female (M2F), SRS can cost anywhere between $6,000 and $12,000 (depending on the technique and surgeon you choose) and if anything goes wrong, secondary surgery can increase costs anywhere between $2,500 and $11,000. Often, lower prices are quoted overseas, but, as we will see, there is only so much any surgeon can do for you on one trip. So the savings are only apparent.

SRS involves three basic steps: constructing the vagina, creating the labia and creating a neoclitoris. In the first operation the surgeon will be able to create a vagina, but can only do partial work on your labia, leaving significant work to be done, either on a return trip or by another surgeon back home. Also, you need to know exactly what the quoted price includes (is it operation alone or are hospitalization and anesthesia included?). Another important question regards your visa. Will the visa allow you time to for any necessary secondary surgery if it is needed?

For all three steps in SRS there are a variety of possible surgical approaches and techniques. Each leads to very different results. Every SRS surgeon has his own preference. The two most prevalent techniques for constructing a vagina are penile inversion and colon transplant. So, when selecting a surgeon, you should consider whether theirs is a technique that will produce the result you want.

Penile inversion

One recent survey among 102 transsexuals on the Internet revealed that 96% had decided on the penile inversion technique. This procedure starts with an incision in the scrotum, the cutting of the spermatic cords, and the removal of the testicles. A circular piece of scrotal tissue is retained to form the labia. After this, an incision is made from the remaining scrotum up to the glans of the penis,

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and the skin removed from the underlying tissue. The penile urethra is cut free to be repositioned later and a urinary catheter is put in place that will stay in place for a week. A vaginal cavity is created by dissecting a space between the rectum and the bladder. This has to be done very carefully to avoid accidental penetration into the rectum, the most common complication during SRS surgery. The tube of penile skin is turned inside-out and placed inside this cavity. The preserved circle of scrotal tissue is scraped thin and sewn into the open end of the penile skin tube to form the labia. Eight to twenty feet of anti-biotic impregnated gauze will be packed into the vagina to help it heal and keep it from closing. Sometimes the labia are sewn together to keep the vaginal pack in place, sometimes this is done by straps attached to the belly and the buttocks. The end result is a new vagina, lined with the skin of the old penis.

If there is not enough skin on the penis to line the complete vaginal wall (due to circumcision or a small sized penis), a skin graft is taken from the belly, buttocks or the thighs, leaving a large red, painful area that will require care for some months before it slowly blends in again with the surrounding skin. Whether a skin graft is needed is usually determined by the surgeon the day before surgery.

Colon transplant

All the other surgeries in the survey were performed using the colon transplant technique. As in penile inversion, a vaginal cavity is created. However, it is not lined with the penile skin, but with a 15 cm long part of the upper rectum and lower digestive tract. A colon transplant operation is much more complicated than the penile inversion operation. Two different surgical teams have to work simultaneously, one working on the penis and creating the cavity for the vagina, and the other isolating and repositioning the digestive tract and reconnecting the rectum with the digestive tract. After this procedure, labia are created in a similar way as in penile inversion.

Proponents of this technique, like Dr. Donald Laub in Palo Alto, California, say this operation results in a more normal appearance of the vagina, with better sensitivity, natural lubrication, minimal scar formation, and no need for a graft from the belly or thighs. Most other surgeons, like Dr. Alan Wilson in Detroit and Dr. Hage in Amsterdam, use the colon transplant technique primarily for salvage work on unsuccessful penile inversion operations. A possible drawback of a colon transplant is a longer hospitalization time for older patients to allow the bowels to heal and a horizontal scar on the lower belly, necessary to isolate and reposition the part of the digestive tract used for the vagina. Also, it is a larger operation and therefore usually more costly. However, if money is plenty and sensation and slipperiness inside the vagina is important to you, you may prefer a colon transplant over a penile inversion.

Some surgeons, like Preecha Tiewtranon in Bangkok, Thailand, combine penile inversion with a colon transplant if there is not enough penile skin to line the complete vagina. This way there is no need for a skin graft. Whatever technique the surgeon uses, he will always have convincing-sounding reasons to do it. It is up to you to shop around and compare the advantages and disadvantages.

Labiaplasty

After the first operation the vaginal lips are left parallel at the top. So, during a second operation, called labiaplasty, the vaginal lips at the top are brought together and a hood is created over the neo-clitoris. Labiaplasty is usually done a few months after SRS. It is a minor operation, performed under local anesthetic without need for a hospital-stay or a full fledged operation room. It costs $1,000 to $ 3,000. A minority of surgeons, like Preecha Tiewtranon, do labiaplasty together with vaginaplasty in a one stage operation. Most surgeons (like Biber, Metzler and Schrang) hold that if labiaplasty is performed at the time of vaginaplasty, the blood supply to the newly constructed vagina can be disrupted, causing necrosis (tissue death). Also, whereas many transsexuals are very satisfied with a one-stage operation, others feel it does not produce as normal a postoperative appearance as the two stage procedure. Finally, according to Dr. Metzler, many surgeons that promise to do labiaplasty together with vaginaplasty, only do a partial job, leaving the top third of the vaginal lips parallel. Some patients find labiaplasty unnecessary, but in Dr. Stanley Biber's experience most do, "because it creates a more natural looking vagina and seems to have a positive effect on the capacity for orgasm."

The neo-clitoris and orgasm

The neo-clitoris is constructed at the time of the first operation. A neoclitoris can be constructed in two ways. Many surgeons cut the nerves to the glans penis and lead them to the vulva where they use tissue from the urethra to create an extra sensitive area. Others form a neoclitoris from a fingernail size piece of the glans penis that is dissected together with its nerves and its blood supply. Proponents of this technique claim that this tissue retains some 80% of the sensitivity of the old glans penis in 90% of their patients, improving the capacity to have orgasm after SRS.

It is important to stress that neither technique guarantees orgasm after SRS, and that both techniques give a good possibility for orgasm after SRS. Dr. Hage, an SRS surgeon in Amsterdam, has found no significant differences in his comparative studies. Orgasm-rates in both groups were slightly higher than 82%. He says that, "whereas this type of neo-clitoris is certainly helpful in achieving orgasm, it is far from necessary."

Dr. Biber, a very experienced SRS surgeon in Trinidad, Colorado, says, "A recent large five-year follow-up study shows an 80% orgasm rate in the age group between 18 and 35. This is even higher than among natural females in the same group. We have patients who do not only describe orgasm but also spew out urethral material from the remaining seminal vesicles as a manifestation of their orgasm. This occurs whether or not we utilize the glans penis."

Both surgeons think that the fact that one out of five transsexuals do not experience orgasm is not only due to the sensitivity of the clitoris or the vagina, but also to the cessation of the production of androgens (male hormones like testosterone)

once the testicles are removed, and the effect of anti-androgen hormones before and after SRS. The loss of androgens can create a loss of sexual appetite.

Dr. Wilson, from Detroit, adds that the construction of a neo-clitoris from the glans penis can be very expensive, as the duration of the operation is nearly doubled. Dr. Meltzer, in Portland, Oregon, also spends more time at the operating table, "Dissecting the nerves and blood supply of the glans out of the penis, rather then just amputating it, costs a lot more time. So, a surgeon can see a lot more patients if he simply cuts the nerves and leads them to a neo-clitoris with tissue from the urethra. That is what most surgeons do. But I do not think a cut nerve retains the same sort or amount of sensation as an intact one."

Evaluating his first series of sixty neo-clitorises from glans tissue, Dr. Hage also describes a different quality of the orgasm. "Our patients tell us that they experience a protracted, repetitive plateau-like orgasm, rather then the short and peaking orgasm they knew before." However, this is not true for all his patients and he cannot tell whether this is unique to this type of neoclitoris. Dr. Judy van Maasdam, who works with Dr. Laub, moderates the importance of retaining tissue of the glans, saying that "the effect of the neo-clitoris from the glans depends on the original sensitivity of the glans penis. If it was not so sensitive to start with, it will not make such a big contribution in the form of a clitoris either." So, whereas the construction of a neo-clitoris from the glans penis can help achieve orgasm, it is neither a necessity nor a guarantee for a orgasm to occur.

Complications

Surgeons will always reassure you that the chances of complications are mini mal until the day before surgery, when you are asked to sign an informed con sent form. This form lists everything that can go wrong and that the surgeon cannot be held responsible for. This in cludes permanent scarring, a shorten ing or narrowing of the vagina, permanent numbness of the genital area, inadvertent entry in the rectum or urinary bladder, and even death through blood clotting. However, all these complications are extremely rare.

In penile inversion, the most common complication during surgery is a tearing of the vaginal wall, opening into the rectum or the urinary tract. These openings are called fistula. When they are noticed by the surgeon during the operation, they can be closed immediately, although they might reopen later, causing infections and necessitating a temporary stoma. With more than one fistula present, repairs can result in scarring and subsequent shortening and narrowing of the vagina. In a first series of 68 Australian transsexuals, four fistula occurred in four operations, but as surgeons developed their personal skills, they lowered the incidence to 3 out of 500 cases. This shows how important it is to select an experienced SRS surgeon.

The most important complication after the operation in penile inversion is shortening and narrowing of the vagina. This will occur naturally if the vagina is not dilated with the help of a dilator or vibrator. When shortening and narrowing occur, a secondary operation is needed. Usually a skin graft will be taken and the vagina deepened, with, according to Dr. Schrang, a greater chance than before for re-closure.

Dr. Laub reports that in the first series of colon transplantation the most common complication was vaginal stenosis (narrowing) at the junction of the penile skin and the bowel segment that serves as the new vagina (15 out of 65 cases). However, improved techniques have led to no further incidence of this complication. Also, the new junction of the rectum with the digestive tract can pose problems. This was noted in one patient.

A complication that can occur in any kind of major invasive surgery is excessive bleeding and wound formation. Because this can also occur after the operation, some surgeons will have you connected to a blood transfusion for a week, until the surgeon will take away the vaginal pack and is able to inspect the new vagina.

These possible complications make it extremely perilous to go to a "no questions asked" clinic in a far away country. It is important to have easy access to your surgeon in case anything goes wrong. Only your primary surgeon knows what exactly was done, and only he might feel responsible for repairing any real damage. Dr. Schrang cautions his patients: " SRS redo is often more expensive because there is always scar tissue present that makes meticulous dissection difficult. Also, after a second SRS, complications such as long term bleeding occur more often, prolonging the usual hospital stay over the usual eight days."

Penile Inversion - Advantages:
Lots of experience, reducing the risk of complications,
Is a smaller operation and a one stage procedure,
Is offered by most surgeons.

Disadvantages:
Shortening and narrowing of the vagina can make intercourse impossible,
Lubricants have to be used for intercourse and dilation,
Diligent dilation, twice a day for half a year, is required,
Often requires skin graft that will need care for up to half a year,
No sensitivity inside the vaginal wall.

Complications:
Fistula between rectum or bladder and vagina,
Contraction and shortening of vagina may occur,
Secondary operations,
Taking skin graft and deepening vagina (sometimes unsuccessful).

Satisfaction with appearance:
With labiaplasty: high.

Vaginal depth:
Varies with the size of the penis and the skin graft taken.

Genital sensation:
Good.

Orgasmic ability:
Without functional neoclitoris and labiaplasty: high,
With functional neoclitoris: higher (depends on sensitivity of original glans).

Cost:
Between $ 6.000,- and $10,000.-

Cost secondary operations:
As high as initial operation.

Research Projects

Being Conducted by Sheila Kirk, MD

The Adolescent Teenage Study

Young males ages 12-19 years who crossdress could be candidates for a longitudinal study examining their transgender feelings and behavior. It is necessary that either a parent, guardian or counselor or both give permission for inclusion in the study for without express allowance nothing can be exchanged with that young person. In this study, Dr. Kirk makes inquiry into the life and habits, the goals and experiences, of this young person trying not to influence, but being available to advise patients and the professional when asked for information.

Every Transgendered person was a teenager and every one of us had the "burden" of being a crossdresser as well. If you know of a teenager who is able to participate in this valuable research project, please contact Dr. Kirk for more details.

A Call for TG-Friendly Attorneys

There are many instances when transgendered individuals desperately need legal advice and assistance to help them past marital, workplace and financial hurdles. Dr. Kirk is making an effort to locate and identify attorneys who are empathetic and willing to represent members of our community. Any in our community who knows of such lawyers are urged to send name, address and phone number to Dr. Kirk. Those that have shown their value and expertise in legal matters are very important to us all.

Male-to-Female Postoperative Survey

Sheila Kirk, M.D., has originated a detailed survey for Male-to-Female Transsexuals who are postoperative six months or more. The information sought is most important in order that both the professional community and the transsexual community learn about areas of experience in the life of the postoperative person—areas that heretofore have not been studied appropriately or to any extent. Medical reports will be meaningful because of this research. All post-operative M-F individuals are urged to contact Dr. Kirk for information with a willingness to participate.

A Call for Health Care Professionals

To help improve the quality of transgendered care, Dr. Kirk maintains a nation-wide referral list of health care professionals (physicians—family practice, internists, endocrinologists; surgeons—in all specialties of surgical care; mental health providers—social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists) who demonstrate a high level of knowledge, expertise and commitment.

If you know of such a health care professional, please send their name and area of special care to Dr. Kirk. It is important that you get their permission for their referral.

Contact Dr. Kirk by mail, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to participate in this project or with specific questions regarding your medical concerns.

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Useful addresses on the internet

Most people choose their surgeon on the basis of his reputation in the transgender community. As our community has gone on line a number of extremely useful web sides have sprung up with lots of interesting links. Here's two of them:

1- for a survey amongst TSs and general information: http://www.pacificnet.net/~mwallace

2- for a list of surgeons and a personal description of the SRS procedure: http://www.servtech.com/public/perette

For those that do not have access to the internet, IFGE has a list of surgeons. (Please note that inclusion on the list does not mean any endorsement of the surgeon by IFGE.)

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and I didn't have any more nausea. In fact, I was ready to eat lunch soon after. Mom had expected me to be really out of it and was amazed to see me sitting up, eating lunch, and calling friends and relatives to say that everything had gone well. My chest was sore and my arm movement limited (you've got to keep them down by your sides), but I continued to feel good and had no problem emptying my drains and keeping a log of how much fluid was in them for Dr. Brownstein. I watched some television but could barely keep awake to lust after Niles during *Frasier* and feel asleep soon after 9:30PM.

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Wednesday, February 6: Spent the day reading and resting. For several days I needed to take afternoon naps. Continued to feel lots of soreness, but no real pain.

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Thursday, February 8: Stayed in most of the day reading and napping, but went out to dinner across the street with Dad. Wrote some postcards.

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Friday, February 9: Went to the doctor to get my dressings changed—was hoping to get my drains out, but he decided to keep them in until Monday. .

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Saturday, February 10: Wrote more postcards. Went on an expedition by myself to a medical supply shop to find a better-fitting rib belt to wear as a binder. Decided not to tell my parents that the shop turned out to be next to a pawn shop in the Tenderloin (a not-so-great part of town).

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Sunday, February 11: Dad flew back home. Moved to my cousin's place. Went to the FTM informational meeting, where I had a great time and was alternately congratulated and scolded for being up and about so soon after surgery.

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Monday, February 12: Got my drains out! Some guys at the FTM meeting said that it would hurt a lot, but it only hurt a little and happened very quickly. He also took the pressure bandages off my nipples, saying that the grafts had taken well. As he unveiled me, I looked in the mirror across the room, and it really hit me for the first time—that little guy looking back was *me*! Everything looked great, especially my newly resized and repositioned nipples. I felt years younger with the drains out, and, without them hanging off my binder, I could finally tuck my shirt in again. Mom and Dr. Brownstein both told me to stop slouching. Mom flew home to Dad in the afternoon.

Tuesday, February 13: Had my first shower in a week—that felt really great. Then I shaved with just a towel around my waist, which felt even better.

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Wednesday, February 14: Got my stitches out. Brownstein said everything looked great, and then he gave me my shot. I have to wear the rib belt for another week and gauze pads over my nipples until all the blood crusts off (and I mustn't pick at it).

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Friday, February 16: Flew back home.

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Tuesday, February 20, 1996, 3:53 PM: I feel more male and complete now. Not having to hide and slouch anymore has made a big difference in my self-esteem. My major emotion throughout all this, however, has been the tremendous relief of just knowing that the damn things are finally gone.

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Monday, February 26, 1996, 3:18 PM: All of the crusting is off both of my areolae and also my right nipple. Am still wearing a gauze pad on my left nipple until its crusting comes off, but my right nipple and both areolae look terrific.

Tuesday, March 19, 1996, 3:15 PM: The scabbing over my left nipple still isn't off, but I've been given permission to stop wearing a gauze pad over it.

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Friday, March 22, 1996, 11:55 AM: The scab finally came off this morning, and my left nipple looks great!

When I was ten my family had an indoor pool to ourselves for a day for some reason, and I got to go swimming in just the bottom part of my bathing suit —I've never forgotten how much I enjoyed the experience, or how aware I was that it was somehow unacceptable for me to swim "like a boy" and that I probably wouldn't ever get to do it again. Well, this morning I went swimming again for the first time in years, dressed in only trunks.

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Friday, May 16, 1997, 2:06 AM: My scars have faded away to almost nothing over the past year. I continue to be ecstatically happy with my new chest, and I seldom miss an opportunity to take my shirt off in public.

("Andy" is a member of Boston's F2M group, The Officer's Club.)

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on trips to the little Post Office, the canteen and whatever activities were going on like bingo. These are hosted by the lady members of the various groups, so my feminine attire was easily noticed, even though ladies' slacks were generally worn. I have gone to a bar and had a few beers while dressed. I no longer feel qualms in asking a lady clerk for knee-high hose as well as other items of a personal nature.

I am fast reaching the conclusion that people like me are becoming pretty much accepted or else they do not care. One of the lady employees invited me to dinner and we went as two girls and while sitting in our booth, two girls or young women on their way out separately smiled in their passing. My thoughts are that it was smiles of acceptance after my being read. There no longer are very many items of male attire in my possession, and it is becoming quite apparent none will ever be worn again!

After nearly two years of dressing and wearing the attire of the opposite sex or gender, the feeling has dawned that it is but natural for me to wear the clothing supposedly designed for women only, and it is too bad that doing so had not become a permanent habit years ago.

Sharon Morgan

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women rarely ever get a chance to realize. She discovers a whole new territory, within herself, and within the relationship, to explore. In society in general, when women demonstrate strong or "masculine" tendencies, they're often labeled "bitches" or "castrating women," etc. And if men demonstrate their feminine qualities in society they're considered "wimps" and "pansies." Yet, when a couple finds that they enjoy the added spice the TG elements bring to them as a couple, there's a mutual exchange across the whole spectrum of feminine and masculine—from within both partners. I'm not talking about the woman taking a TG journey, too. I'm talking about their release of being able to experience a whole gender spectrum of feelings. And a lot of that has to do with the fact that people tend to take direction from how we present ourselves at the beginning—as in honesty, and self-esteem and confidence. Women really respond to kind and gentle people who have strong characters. So my advice to crossdressers and other male-to-female TGs is, PLEASE be honest with your partners, even though it may seem scary.

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believed that there is genetic reason for the Gay/Lesbian individual. Have you thought ever that there may be genetic reason for the Transgendered person as well? The Human Genome Project could tell us that. It could add fantastic support to what is observed clinically by post mortum studies such as reported by Professor Louis Gooren from the Free University Hospital in Amsterdam wherein the brains of deceased M2F Transsexuals were examined and found to have special and unique changes in the hypothalamic areas, that are identical to that of genetic females. Think of it-when they get around to it, the Human Genome researchers will find—I predict it without reservation—a gene or several genes that are distinctly related to why we, the transgendered are what and why we are. They will discover biologic cause for why some of us are CDs and some of us are Transsexual and why the subtle and even gradually developing progression from one to another takes place. Scientific investigation, and research, will take a firm and indisputable stand to justify us as the unique and special population that we know we are. Actually, I have a problem with what I just wrote-we don't need to justify. We need only to explain!!

The Research needed to look at the Transgendered with accuracy and assistance is overwhelming. We need studies that deal with psychologic processes in us all, no matter where we are on the spectrum. We need studies that investigate and report the effects of contra-hormonal therapy in both the M-F and the F-M person-the effects on health and the potential for disease not suspected. Let me give you some ideas.

We don't know at all the long term effects of feminizing hormones on the breasts of the genetic male. Is the incidence of malignant disease—cancer-in any way different for transgendered males using estrogen than for those that are not. We know the incidence of breast cancer in males with no estrogen use is very low, not at all in the same incidence as with genetic women. We don't know however, what family history of breast cancer can mean for males using estrogen. We have no current studies that tell us of risk relative to dosage or to duration of use. In fact, we know nothing-except for the increased incidence of breast cancer in males who have a chromosomal alteration called Kleinfelter's Syndrome. They are 47XXY as opposed to the normal chromosomal count of 46XY and their risk for breast cancer maybe even greater than genetic females. Some of those individuals are Transgendered. Should they take estrogen? Are they at increased risk over and above being at the level of risk they are if they use estrogen? WE don't know!

Let's look at female to male individuals. When they take testosterone they respond to it in a very maximal way. The changes in their appearance and in the various physiologic systems that react as they do, is very striking. We know from recent studies that without the positive effect of estrogen on the various parts of the Lipid profile (i.e. cholesterol), and in fact with the superimposed influence of testosterone on those parts of the lipid profile, we suspect strongly in reported medical literature that cardiovascular risk can be increased for these genetic females. Have we currently any studies supporting this suspicion to prove or disapprove it? Unfortunately-No! While eventually we will learn what the true picture is, in the meanwhile, we have physicians who don't obtain baseline cardiovascular evaluations for their F-M patients on testosterone and their on-going monitoring is not oriented to observing possible heart accident potentials and even more— they don't stress the problems that smoking, overweight and hypertension add to the risk of developing heart disease to their patients.

Does estrogen protect the prostate in the male using estrogen from the intense discomforts of benign hypertrophy and even more important the ravages of prostate cancer—the second most common cancer in the genetic male? We don't know! We suspect it does but we don't know! There are no controlled well-planned studies.

In the area of mental health the questions abound. We know nothing whatever about the psychologic differences between the male crossdresser who knows he is male and lives thinks and functions as a male, and the male to female transsexual who knows she is female and strives all her life to accomplish conformity in mind and body. We know so little about sexual orientation and its variations, and its changeability in the mind and behavior of the Transgendered, both male to female and female to male.

We know so little about the psycho-social mechanisms that function and transpire in the Transsexual Male to female and Female to Male after their surgery. We know next to nothing about Transgendered youth and how to help them in the process of learning about themselves and how to live comfortably with that knowledge. Our approach to the very complex problem of the management of the intersexual person is primitive, rudimentary and actually heartless in the way these individuals are cared for.

The problems are many and complex and I've only given you a small insight into what we need to learn. But here is perhaps a more profound area to look at. Can we count on our professionals to help us in gathering this knowledge and then applying it in the proper ways? To some extent, Yes! But many in my knowledge, particularly, the front line therapist and medical physician only treat-sometimes not very well-and never gather information that can contribute to the fund of knowledge developing ever so slowly. What can we do? How do we stimulate the researchers to do more? To learn more? To report more about us? And to do so with accuracy and responsibility.

We can learn ourselves from what we can read in the literature, written about ourselves. We can become knowledgeable about our community and what needs to be said and done. We can give our talents and abilities to various endeavors that help the community to grow, to mature, to become strong and cooperative. We can take our resources and put them to work for groups and projects in the Transgendered Community that we believe in our hearts to be important and of value. We can speak out through those who want to use their voices on our behalf. We can support our own transgendered researchers and investigators in whatever way we are capable—with finance, with talents, with all efforts that are possible. We can assist them to go forward and to learn— not only for ourselves but for the society around us that knows so little of our value and our worth.

And my dear sisters and brothers-we do have value and worth. Come to the happy realization, if you haven't already, that we are valuable and unique to the world. We are silent too much-we have been hidden too long! I ask you to look hard at the value of yourselves and those who work to show that value to the world.

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the harassment. Still, harassment is present, but not as badly. He took us to luncheon spots where women congregate and showed us a whole culture, completely unknown to us. Ricky called it the invisible culture of women.

You went to these places in drag? someone asked incredulously.

Yes, all in drag, including the Beverly Hills Hotel, and we got away with it each time.

Ricky Renee also pointed out that for every aspect of our modern civilization there exists an appropriate drag costume. We thought we might make an interesting experiment of this, so on Thursday night, which is a traditional drag night in Los Angeles, we traveled *en masse* to a huge thrift store downtown and assembled a slightly different kind of drag costume: dark suits of a particular sheen and cut, matching dark shoes, a particular type of tie and shirt, the appropriate hat and just the right kind of briefcase.

We were in Federal camouflage. Nine o'clock sharp Friday morning we flowed through the revolving doors of the downtown Federal Building with the rest of the suits and hung out in the lobby, studying their walks and their conversation. At twelve-thirty we slipped into their special Federal employee cafeteria and picked up more conversational tips. I knew this drag well from having been in several agencies in the mid-sixties, but I was in some danger because of my Department of Defense clearance.

We spent the entire day wandering the halls and invading their offices with our briefcases, engaging people in "Federal" conversation. They accepted us without question as being members of their clan.

We had taken a vow between us to remain in drag for the entire week, regardless of the consequences and any difficulties we might encounter. Some of us shaved our legs and chests and plucked our eyebrows every day and literally lived in drag all week.

At the time, I made a living wholesaling my essential oils to headshops. Dressed in drag, most of my clients thought I was some broad I had hired to do my deliveries for me. Only two people spotted the charade, Tony and Eppie, who've known me for about ten years. They thought it was wonderful fun.

The following Thursday we planned a big celebration. This was our final test. Thursday morning we went to Universal Studios where I worked, and took the tour. We started the tour in impenetrable disguise and little by little began to exaggerate, until, by the time we got to the commissary, we were in full cartoon femininity.

We created such havoc! And in a filming studio where there are costumes everywhere and where drag is the order of the day, we created havoc!

I had worked with Bill Shatner on an episode of the old series, *Burke's Law,* right around the time we worked on *The Name of the Game.* I dropped into the chair beside him in the studio commissary. Poor Bill didn't recognize me at all in drag. He's always wondered who that rude woman at the commissary table was! I still haven't told him it was me.

After leaving Universal Studios, we drove over to MGM, to see Freddie Santinelli, and ended up in their commissary. Exactly the same thing happened. We blew the place apart. Our experiment over, we went home, got out of drag and that was the end of that...for the moment.

In all of this, we definitely noticed that people felt threatened by men cross-dressing, even though, over the past few generations, women have been increasingly dressing in male drag: pants, shirts and sensible shoes. It was a social scandal in the 1850s when the wife of a politician wore pants. Katherine Hepburn was considered quite extravagant for wearing pants ionmost of her life. In spite of international acceptance of this previously outrageous new style, a precedent for cross-dressing has not been set. It is still very upsetting to many people.

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reply that a rational consideration of such factors dictates that gender reassignment therapy (which, after all, is (1) rare, and (2) inexpensive compared to other more common procedures) should be covered, therefore the insurer's allocation is irrational and discriminatory. And so on.

Of course, if you had the funds to wage a protracted dispute with your insurer, you likely would rather spend them on medical therapy in the first place.

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As always, please note that this article is legal chat, not legal advice. Because the applicable laws differ by state, I can do little more than highlight a few problems that might arise. It would be foolish of you to rely on such a general discussion without considering the specific circumstances involved in your situation and the manner in which the law of your state applies to them.

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All You Cute Spiders and Black Widows Check Out Our Web Site At
http://www.tiac.net/users/dba/ifge/ifge.htm

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In the end our love had done this for Gerald: it had cured him of his guilt. Those guilt feelings which had almost crushed him. Guilt for being different, for harboring within him a secret person. It had proved to him that he was capable of giving and receiving love, he and his alter-ego.

When the time came for him to leave me and England, he left for those distant shores a happy man. Gerald no longer lived in terror of doing something so outrageous and unacceptable as dressing himself in women's clothing. He crossed the Atlantic impatient to start a new life brimful with promise. And so he had gone, his path seemingly assured, the whole world his oyster.

And so it proved to be. Gerald has managed to do what he has always wanted to do. He has freed himself from dependence on working for others and created his own business empire. Now he is forever on the move—from one of his companies to the next, each one situated in a different part of the globe. Much of his time is spent en route, a lot of it above the clouds. There he is free.

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cult. Many partners simply wish the problem would just go away. Others often have earnest questions that can be emotionally charged. Is my spouse gay? No, this is not a matter of sexual orientation. Will my partner want a sex change next? Possibly, however the vast majority of CDs are happy with their original gender. Can't he just keep it closeted? No, denying one's personal needs is unhealthy and frequently leads to addictions or poor relationships. Why should I put up with this? Because intimate relationships are supposed to be friendships. And, friends learn how to accept each other's differences.

The letter introducing this section comes from an individual who is quite possibly being abused, and clearly being disrespected and taken for granted. The catalyst for the spouse's behavior appears to be her husband's crossdressing. However, I would not be at all surprised if the relationship had other difficulties that need discussing. Whether it be with crossdressing or another matter, being continually told how to lead one's life is unfair and dictatorial. This is particularly so when it happens in a relationship where both parties look to ensure that each other's needs are met. Additionally, name-calling has no place in healthy, loving relationships. Abusive behavior destroys lives and relationships, and I strongly advise anyone who feels they are being abused to seek professional counseling and learn how to deal with it.

Dear Gianna:

Hello, I am a middle-aged CD. For my entire adult life I have kept my private life just that, private. Two or three times a year I visit other CDs at a discreet suburban home where a group of us have met for dinner for over 15 years. This past meeting was our last because over the years most of the people in our group have joined a local support organization and are no longer living in the closet. I am employed in a position of responsibility and cannot risk being seen in public. I don't know where to meet others for discreet visits. Do you have any suggestions?

Erika J.
Via e-mail

Dear Erika:

Earlier in this article I mentioned that times are changing, and now is a great time to locate resources and meet new transgendered friends. However, for some people, doing so just may not be possible. After all, careers, relationships and privacy are important concerns. I do however advise people to examine their needs and compare them to those of other transgender men and women. Ask yourself if it is possible to visit a support group "en drab," or dressed in male attire. Many members of social organizations also heavily rely on discretion, so they are sensitive regarding this issue. If visiting or joining a support group is not possible, an individual might consider running a personal advertisement under an assumed name. Numerous newspapers across the country now accept advertising from transgender persons, and running a personal advertisement allows you to screen individuals before providing them your contact information.

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"'Your arms are too muscular to wear that. That style doesn't look good on you.'" I felt like I walked into a hornet's nest. I'm sure no genetic female would get attacked if she went to a book club or women's group not looking perfect in the other members' eyes!" The intensity of the criticism and the response that it provoked leave little doubt that this was not "constructive criticism."

The most chilling and blatant example of transgender transphobia is the lack of empathy often displayed by some M2Fs towards F2Ms (referring to them as "little men in suits"), or the "dissing" of CDs by TSs and vice versa. How often have we heard that the TS is "just a cross-dresser seduced by surgery" or the CD is just a "clueless TS" or a "guy in a dress," etc. All of these attempts to pigeonhole and thereby denounce others are divisive. While they may seem to distance the self from people with a variety of unique gender expressions, they are ultimately self-destructive. Like all ego defense mechanisms, they are supposed to protect the self, but they fail on all counts.

The attacks and bickering within the community are an outward manifestation of the inner conflicts experienced by many individuals within the group. Sadly, it is nearly impossible to command respect from the world at large when so little self respect and respect for others is evident. When a community allows for differences, it flourishes. Just like a good marriage between spouses, mature people must relinquish the fantasy that the "other person, to be lovable, must be just like me." The self must provide a safe and loving "home" for all its different human expressions.

No growth ever comes from self-hatred. Negative energy and disdain towards others are a psychological boomerang. They breed a litany of self-destructive behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, high-risk sex, or domestic violence. When the projection of shame and guilt onto others doesn't work, and the self-hatred bleeds through, we tend to "up the ante" and resort to these more self-destructive behaviors that temporarily blind us to our real problem: shame and lack of self-acceptance. If this dynamic goes on, uninterrupted by the awareness of the person, a psychological crisis or actual physical illness results.

Only when one becomes aware of their splintered state, and understands that ridicule of others is self-defeating, can the process of true empowerment begin. When a person is self-approving, they will find their anger at others dissolving. This is the first step of authentic "transitioning": the transformation that takes place when a whole, compassionate self moves toward triumphant living.

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Last Words:

Brave New World

Alison Laing,
Executive Director IFGE

It was a strange set of coincidences that brought a young transsexual "new" man into the recovery area adjacent to a senior M2F transgenderist in intensive care. The young new man had just undergone a breast reduction and the senior TG was recovering from a stroke. As I departed after my visit with both, I took one last look back and saw the tall slim figure of the M2F TS fiancée holding the "new" man's hands and the M2F TG in "her" room where the name on the door had been corrected to show her chosen name. The caring staff of that hospital was obviously accepting them as they were. But what about the rest of the world?

In our working with national and local educational and support groups, we have been doing all we can to encourage TG folk to accept themselves and to feel comfortable about going out and even transitioning if they must. We have essentially been opening the doors to closets and welcoming our brothers and sisters to join us in the Transgender community. And in most cases they feel welcome and accepted. But what about the rest of the world?

In spite of the efforts to educate and influence the legislative branches of local and national government, there have been few laws enacted that will protect the rights of Transgender people. But fortunately, enlightened corporations as well as academia, are striving to do their best to work out acceptable conditions for people who transition on the job. But what about the rest of the world?

When I recently attended a peaceful demonstration and press conference on the day of the sentencing of the confessed murderer, who had been found guilty of only assault and battery, of a transsexual minority person, several people asked, "Why did you do that? 'We' have nothing in common with those folks." I was reminded that perhaps being a transgendered person probably was the main cause of her murder. That while many of us now feel comfortable going about our business in our chosen gender, going wherever we want to, whenever we want to and tend to forget that while most people either are accepting or just do not care about us, what about some of the rest of the world? Whether we are full time in our presentation or a weekend crossdresser, we are vulnerable, and potential victims of violence from those who hate our very existence. And when a confessed murderer can get away with killing any one of us, we know we still have a long way to go.

While the actions of individuals who choose to transition may seem foolhardy to some of us, we can not necessarily fully understand their motivation, or the intensity of their need to do so. But let me say that among the attributes of those who must "come out," there is at least a good deal of bravery. They include doctors, lawyers, professors, ministers and system analysts, well as machinists, baggage handlers, artists and pizza delivery persons. One of the articles elsewhere in this issue of *Transgender* presents 100 of these brave people who are out and proud. I have personally been witness to the bravery it has taken for many of these people to fulfill this life objective. While some have expressed regrets, and acknowledge the cost that they had to pay, few would go back to where they were. While many of us are working hard in our tasks of education and political advocacy, these "Out and Proud" individuals are living examples to most all with whom they come in contact. Make no mistake, we must all still continue, and if possible, redouble our efforts to increase social awareness and acceptance of transgender people by education and political advocacy and to win the rights in the legislatures and halls of justice throughout our land and indeed the whole world. But these brave, "Out and Proud" folks are the icebreakers of the Gender Freedom movement.

Transcending gender may be the last of the social phenomena that civilized cultures must deal with. The barriers that hold back the freedom of gender expression for all of us must come down. There is much work to be done before this can, and will someday, happen. Be willing to help in any way you can to bring about this Brave New World.

The HERO'S JOURNEY

The 3rd Annual FTM Conference of the Americas August 8, 9, 10th, 1997 Boston, Massachusetts

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